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NEWS

Analyst blasts Gulf War media
Supports conspiracy theory

by Daniel Hughes

Media coverage of the Gulf war was "a Niagara of lies and disinformation," according to Barrie Zwicker, Canadian media analyst and publisher of *Sources* magazine.

Zwicker was at UVic March 21 to discuss media coverage of the war, but instead treated about 150 people to a rambling discourse on new age philosophies and worldwide conspiracy theories.

"We are entering a new age," said Zwicker. "An age in which we shall find our meaning in our relationship with the planet."

The major flaw in western thought is its false dichotomy, which means looking at issues in simplistic terms (black vs. white, right vs. wrong, male vs. female) when they are actually complex.

"It's bad thinking on the part of progressives to be that simplistic." He explained reality can only be perceived as part of a continuum.

People should avoid the false dichotomy, he continued, "for clarity of thought and to get along with those whom we disagree."

Zwicker also believes a small group of the world's rich and powerful are plotting to take over the world.

"There absolutely are major conspiracies," he said. "It's tremendously naive to think there aren't. What was the Iran-Contra affair if not a conspiracy? What was Watergate?

"If we deny the idea of large conspiracies controlling the forces of history, then we are helping the conspirators."

To bolster his theory, Zwicker pointed to American industry's support of Nazi Germany "before, during and after World War II."

The Gulf War, he said, was "a war by design," pushed by armament manufacturers and others who stood to profit from the conflict.

"It all fits together," Zwicker said. "Reader's Digest and Time magazine and Coca-Cola and polling organizations and fundamentalist sects and the covert actions of the CIA."

Zwicker said the CIA has an annual propaganda budget in the billions, and was responsible for disseminating misinformation during the war.

He pointed to reports made early in the conflict that Iraqi tank and helicopter crews were surrendering.

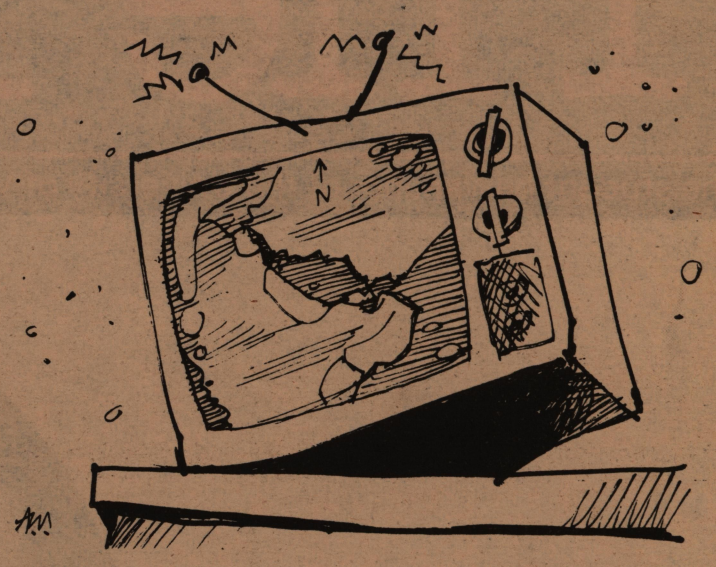
"Why didn't we hear anything else about those crews? They didn't exist.

"The media are up to their necks in their culpability in this anachronistic thing called war."

Zwicker slammed the media for being too willing to obey military proscriptions against reporting during the war.

"Very few were willing to transcend or disobey those restrictions."

He said it is the "sacred duty" of the media to witness events, rather than act as a mouthpiece for the official version of 'truth' and claimed the media are guilty of pushing propaganda because "our side was made to look completely good, and their side was made to look completely bad."❑



MKO bands want more control
Industry not responding

by Matthew Lawrence

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A Northern Manitoba native group representing 27,000 treaty Indians wants to have more control over the use of the area's resources.

Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak wants to negotiate an agreement with Repap Manitoba, a pulp and paper company operating in the North, that would enable MKO bands to have some management control within Repap.

Native people use the North's natural resources to survive, said Mike Anderson, MKO's research director, and they're worried companies like Repap will come in and turn areas they use to hunt and fish into enormous tree farms.

"It's important to integrate all developments when planning northern resources.

"We'd like all kinds of activities going on, with harvesting of wood being only one of many activities," Anderson said.

Employment and other benefits resulting from northern development also concern native people, according to Anderson.

"Whenever there's an operator (in the North), resources are being extracted and the money is being shipped south. The aboriginal people obtain little benefits from those activities as far as jobs," he said.

Repap hasn't responded to MKO's request for a meeting.

Paul Richards, vice-president and general manager of Repap Manitoba, said he is unaware of any letter sent by MKO but says his company has had, "ongoing discussions with native groups and communities."

As for native employment, Richards said native people are working for Repap, but the company would like greater participation in the more technical jobs. Repap is attempting to do that through its Professional and Technical Training Program, which last year assisted four people, two of whom were native, said Richards.

Richards declined to comment

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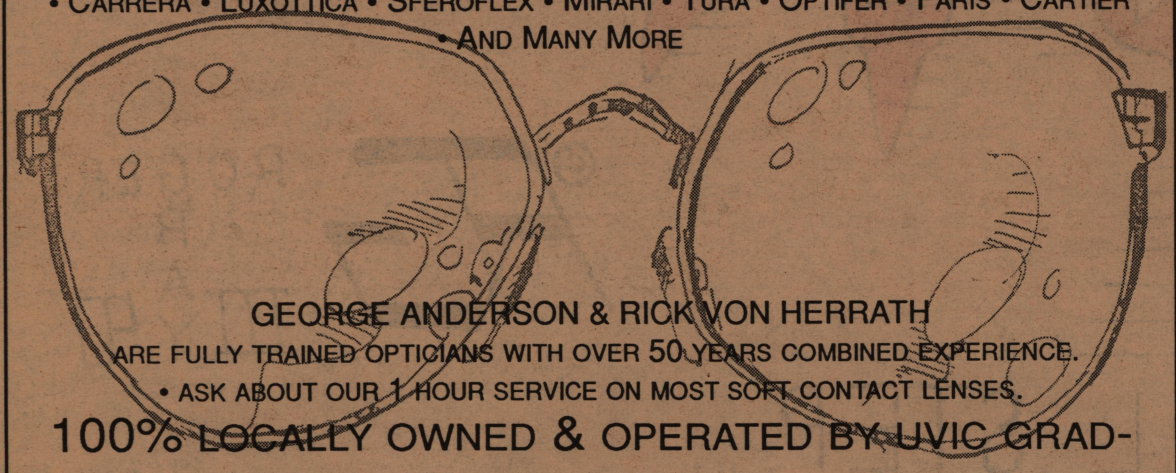

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NEWS

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BUS LOOP: last building at the SUB was in the 70s

Survey deadline extended

by Tracy Lowe

The deadline to return pre-registration surveys distributed by administration has been pushed back to April 5 to allow students more time to fill them in.

The informal survey is intended to provide the university with a better idea of what courses students need to take next year.

Of the 11,600 surveys sent out in early March, approximately 25 per cent (2,900) were returned by the original March 15 deadline.

"Examinations are coming up, classes are concluding. It's true that students have other matters on their minds, but considering the nature of the issue, we hope that we'll have more students who will indeed complete the forms and drop them off," said David Glen, director of Records Services.

The more completed surveys administration receives, the more accurate the picture of student demands will be.

"I can't help but think students have a vested interest in doing this," said Glen.

"Administration is very serious and wants to make the most of the survey," said Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic of the UVic Students' Society.

"I think it's good they are taking this so seriously. The overcrowding situation threw them through a loop in September.

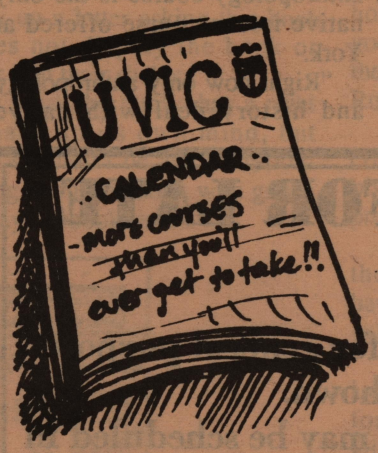
"They want to make the most of their limited resources.

"Students would be well advised to fill in the form, by doing so they stand their best chance of getting the courses they need."❑

students have a vested interest in this

She said the university is unwilling to call in a statistician to examine the surveys, or make any extrapolations from them, because of the wide range of variables involved.

Getting an accurate reading directly from students is the goal of the survey, which has never been attempted before.



Funding union sought through fee referendum

by Alisa Gordaneer

Students will pay for a bigger SUB, a better daycare and an emergency student aid fund with their "yes" votes in the upcoming Student Initiatives referendum, April 3 and 4.

They will also help the university obtain matching grants from the provincial and federal governments.

The referendum question will ask students whether they are in favour of supporting these initiatives through a $5 student fee increase this coming September, and a further $10 increase in the 1992-93 year.

The ballot will ask voters to rate their priorities for the money. Included on the list are daycare, clubs and course union space, services in the SUB, study space and meeting rooms and an emergency student aid fund.

The 'yes' and 'no' sides of the referendum presented their views in a public forum March 26 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

"This is not about increasing general revenue and fixing the debt," said Lise-Lotte Loomer, spokesperson for the 'yes' side.

George Pringle, spokesperson for the 'no' side, was not at the forum.

"Students have a choice as to how the money is spent," said Loomer. "The university is contractually bound to spend it that way."

Donations made to the university for capital purchases or endowments receive matching grants from the provincial government.

Money raised through increased student fees would be treated as a donation to the university.

Usually, the dispersal of grant money is at the discretion of the university's president.

But Brian Webster, administrative co-ordinator of the SUB, said the Students' Society has a long-term commitment from UVic guaranteeing the entire amount will go into the Student Initatives project.

Webster said, "the university did approach the Students' Society to indicate that matching funds could be available.

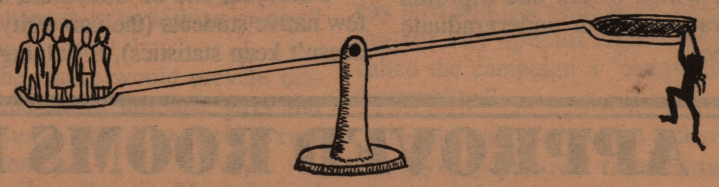
"The project of SUB expansion was an obvious one. It's been uncompleted for 10 years because of lack of funding."

The partnership between the Students' Society and the university will benefit UVic in several ways.

"It is trying to go into the community to get funds," said Webster. "It makes it easier to do if they were to show on-campus people like faculty and staff making contributions.

"The services are geared towards students, but are of interest to the outside community — Cinecenta, for example.

"If you're going to put yourself forward as a good campus, you have to have these kinds of services."❑



Natives may have more say in system

by Matthew Lawrence

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Saskatchewan natives have begun discussions with provincial and federal justice representatives about the feasibility of natives having a greater say in the judicial system.

The initiative comes after federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell's told the Canadian Bar Association in late February special rules for certain people may result in "sowing confusion and undermining public confidence in the fairness of the justice system."

Chief Dan Belgard of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) said his people are not seeking a system that completely replaces existing judicial systems.

"We want to work with, not against, federal and provincial jurisdictions in order to come up with something that would work to the satisfaction of all parties," Belgard said.

The agreement between the three groups includes setting up a committee to review recommendations from a 1985 report that, according to Belgard, "was put on the shelf" by the government elected at that time.

The report, called "Reflecting Indian Values and Concerns in the Justice System," was put together by federal, provincial and native representatives and includes 56 recommendations, none of which have been implemented.

Lisa Ann Wood, Director of Communications for the provincial department of justice, said further announcements of a more specific nature could be expected in the next few months.

Belgard said achieving a greater role in the judicial system is only a small part of the issues surrounding natives in Canada's legal system.

Many people are unaware of the societal conditions that account for the crimes that native people are accused of committing, he said.

"We're going to have to tailor our political system for native government and at the same time work towards alleviating some of the socio-economic problems," Belgard said.

Federal officials at the Department of Justice could only confirm that a process of review and discussion of issues surrounding greater native involvement in the justice system was about to begin.

Forum will answer questions on aboriginal land title issues

by Alisa Gordaneer

A native perspective will be the focus of an aboriginal land title forum March 28 at UVic.

Organized by the Native Students' Union and the history department, the panel will take place in Cinecenta from 1 to 4 p.m.

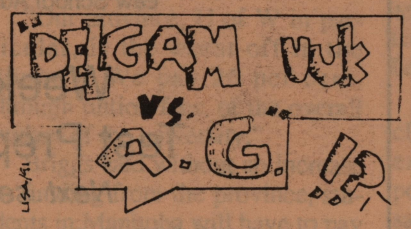
"It's an opportunity to let people into a bit of the inside story," said Kim Recalma-Clutesi, a member of the NSU.

"The information should be coming not from white journalists and academics but from native people themselves," said Ken Coates, a history professor who will moderate the forum.

Ray Jones, Gitksan hereditary Chief and operator of the B.C. Native Broadcasting System, is one of the speakers. Dr. Hamar Foster of UVic's faculty of law will provide explanations of the legal aspects of aboriginal land title.

The Supreme Court's decision on the Gitksan/Wet'suwet'en land claim earlier this month was a complete surprise, following favourable rulings in the 1970s.

"McEachern said the Royal Proclamation did not apply," said Recalma-Clutesi.



The Royal Proclamation of 1763 stated any unceded territory belonged to the native inhabitants and their rights should be extinguished before settlement took place.

British Columbia is the only part of North America where this did not take place through treaties or by the federal government setting aside mutually agreed upon reserves.

Presently, 85 per cent of B.C.'s territory is unceded. This means there have been no payments, treaties, negotiations or compensations made to native people for the land.

Chief Justice Allan McEachern "claims (his decision) was fair to both sides. We're not sure that being able to use unoccupied crown land after it's been clearcut for berry picking is fair in comparison to what resource industries get," said Recalma-Clutesi.

"We were looking toward this case to determine our own land question. It's not claims because you don't claim what you own."

Coates said the recent court decision "was radicalizing a potentially volatile situation."

However, Recalma-Clutesi said "the worst thing that could happen is to have an uninformed and enthusiastic group of people ready to blockade with us without understanding the issues.

"It's important that people hear what native people say."❑

NEWS

Quebec lacks native studies

by Shelley Walcott

MONTREAL (CUP) — It may be some time before Concordia University students get to enrol in a native studies program.

Florence Stevens, Concordia's vice-dean of curriculum, said there "has not been a great demand" for such a program, but added that she in favor of implementing a program focussing on native issues.

"I would say that the time is right considering everything that has been happening (between natives and the government)," Stevens said.

Concordia may be the first Quebec university to get such a program.

Concordia native student Lana Lefort agrees.

"I think it's an excellent idea," said Lefort, a Mohawk and first-year applied social science student.

"Very few universities have them. I would especially like to see one in Montreal which is surrounded by so many native communities."

If Concordia goes ahead, it will become the first Quebec university to implement such a program.

The closest university with an area of study on native issues is Trent University, in Peterborough, Ont., which offers one diploma program and four undergraduate degrees.

Mary Brant Castellano, chair of the native studies program at Trent, said the program was formed in 1969 after a student approached the university with the idea. The program now has more than 800 students.

Stevens added that Concordia's program could cover various areas of study including literature, art, history and religion.

Concordia's anthropology, communication studies, and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute department are the only departments offering courses on native issues.

Anthropology professor Josephine Curotte, who teaches a course called Native People Today, said she will be "working hard to get a native studies program at Concordia."

She said she has talked to others at the university about forming a program, but has not discussed her proposals with the university.

"I would say that a native studies program is a very necessary thing," Curotte said. "People are so full of misconceptions about natives."

Lefort said one of the program's main goals should be to help natives learn management and administrative skills, which they could put to use within their own communities.

Commerce student Robert Ottereyes said such a program would "encourage more natives to pursue their education at the university level."

Ottereyes, one of Concordia's few native students (the university doesn't keep statistics), is helping organize an Assembly of First Nations group on campus, whose first priority would be to "provide a social context which allows native students to meet other natives."

Both Lefort and Ottereyes said last summer's Oka standoff has heightened their awareness of issues facing their communities, but the events had nothing to do with the formation of the group.

Natives students need not apply: York upholds white perspective

by Christine F. de Leon

TORONTO (CUP) — Native students at York say the university has little to offer them, either in terms of course offerings or affirmative action programs to attract native applicants.

Environmental studies student Deb McGregor said native students have little impetus to go to York.

"Native Canadian students don't come to York because there is no reason for them to come here. There aren't any native issues courses offered and no outreach programs on the reserves," she said.

Currently, an undergraduate anthropology course is the only native issues course offered at York.

"Right now only anthropology and history deal with native issues, but only on a superficial basis," McGregor said.

Kenn Pitawanakwat, an arts student said, "I found the anthropology to be degrading to indigenous people. A very clinical approach was taken; it isn't a positive way to look at a culture."

"One professor I had said that natives worshipped rocks and animals. It's just stupidity at the highest level," he added.

According to Pitawanakwat, the teaching faculty doesn't know enough about native values and attitudes. "They spend a week or two on a reserve; their knowledge is very limited."

He said natives have avoided university in the past because attending post-secondary institutions meant losing legal native status. This barrier was only removed in the 1950s.

"There are now 11 (native) Osgoode (law) students at York, and more are going to post-secondary institutions. It takes time to come up through the ranks ... and people will."

Mary Bernard is the research coordinator at the native Theme Area in the faculty of environmental studies, which serves as a resource centre for the York community. She said York professors have little up-to-date information on native Canadian issues.

"A lot of inaccurate information is presented. I've heard of native people who attend the courses: (they) just sit in shock. It isn't contemporary."

The Theme Area and its resource centre should be a place where course directors at York should go to be made aware of native issues and seek "appropriate information," Bernard said.

Bernard agrees there are too few native-oriented courses at York.

"But anything is better than nothing," she said.

York only offers affirmative action admission procedures at Osgoode law school and in the Education Faculty. Students with native backgrounds are given primary consideration for admission to these faculties.

Lorraine Pitawanakwat, a faculty of education student, said many non-native students have trouble understanding the importance of affirmative action.

"I've had some comments, one from a student teacher saying it's easy for you to get into these programs because you are native Canadian,'" she said.

Pitawanakwat said she is surprised at such questions coming from fellow university students.

"I'm not being given this degree," she said, "I'm earning it." ❑

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NEWS

Focusing on the collective

Native Student Union tries "re-tribalization"

by Sherryl Yeager

Strength and tenacity are two of the inherent traits of traditional native culture.

The Native Students Union has incorporated these traits into the recent restructuring of its constitution and focus.

"What we're doing is not radically new, it's just a little late," said Bill White, president of the NSU. He described the process as a "re-tribalization."

Native people who survived social and legislative oppression from 1890 to 1951, which Chief Dan George called "the cold winter," did so by retaining their cultural and traditional ways, said White.

"We were supposed to die out by 1890. We did not and suffered institutional attacks until 1951. "Traditional values and philosophies allowed the people to endure," said White.

"The point here is that the old people have endured much more during their time than we ever will. Taking that experience into context is slowly working its way down."

Part of this traditional culture is an emphasis on what is best for the group, rather than the individual. Emphasising the positive lessons gained from every experience is another important factor, he said.

We were supposed to die out by 1890.

This is why the NSU is shifting its focus towards more collective decision making through an expanded executive, he said.

It is also the basis for the emphasis on helping its approximately 70 members retain their culture within the university system.

"What we're working towards is that process where we can leave here with our sense of values intact," said Kim Recalma-Clutesi, an NSU executive.

"One of the major things we face is not the university itself, it is the value structure we must work within. If we are good students here, we no longer belong or fit in our own community.

"Here we are taught to criticize, to be competitive, to look out for ourselves at all costs. Those are not the values we live with in our communities," she said.

"We need to be here to learn skills, but we need to be incredibly careful not to take the extra baggage home with us. We can not assume our knowledge is more important than the experience of our own people."

It is important to work within the system to improve the university for native students.

There are 20 different aboriginal groups represented in the NSU, from Metis, Tsimshian, Kuagilth, Nuu-chah-nulth to Coast Salish. While this seems diverse, White and Recalma-Clutesi stress cultural ties are stronger than several small angry groups.

Natives have contact with the common traditional threads found in song and dance, contact with the old people, and language, all of which reinforce tribal values, said Recalma-Clutesi.

These values include respect for the old people, respect for other individuals, co-operation, sharing, and responsibility to the group.

The shift towards cultural values does not mean members of the NSU have abandoned political activism, she said.

Many native students are politically active within their own communities, rather than on campus.

"Political activism must have its root in our own communities, so we can be accountable to our own people.

"I think the NSU has done more to change (UVic) administration's attitude in the last two years than before.

"It is important to work within the system to improve the university for native students but it is up to us as well."

One of the ways native people can return to retaining the traditional in a contemporary setting is through renewed respect between the sexes, said White.

"With acculturation and anger came the loss of the feminist voice within the community. The power of the women and that balance between men and women must be returned."

Recalma-Clutesi said operating within a traditional framework allows the group to internally police itself, because everyone's feelings must be taken into account.

"It is a departure from those who find it easier to whine, protest, call everything racist carte blanche," said White.

This departure echoes tradition. White said the elders feel "if you are angry, abusive, mouthy, and whine, then you are not a good person for our people. We can't count on you to help us think straight."

Recalma-Clutesi agreed.

"What you do when you think like that is you block the path of reason.

"This kind of thinking has made the land claims and questions hard to deal with in the past years, because it has kept us single minded."

One of the major things we face is not the university, but the value structure.

The present generation of native students is only the second one exposed to the university experience.

"The people from each of our communities see our trip here as temporary. We are expected to return, and what we gain here is to help out when we get back," said White. ❑

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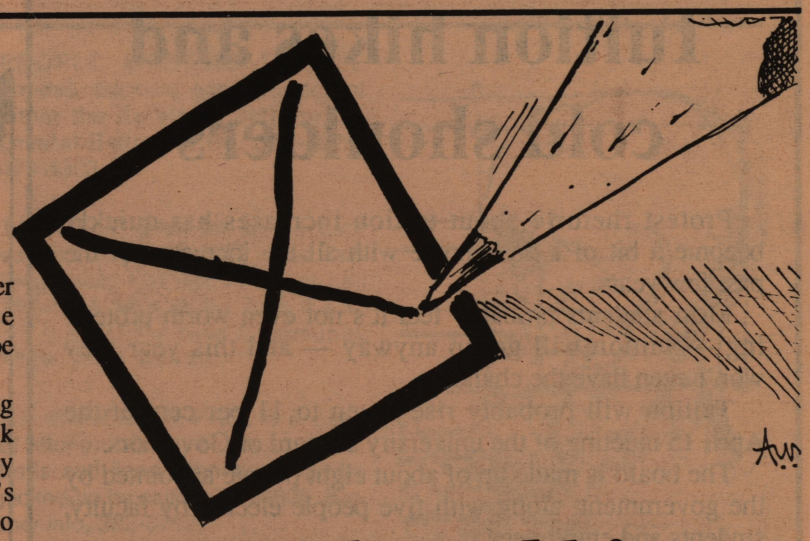
Clarification

The feature story in the March 21 issue of *The Martlet* contained some factual errors.

Sam Ditshego was identified as a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress. Ditshego is a supporter of the PAC, but not a member. The charge that the African National Congress (ANC) is responsible for many deaths in its camps is made by Ditshego, but not necessarily by PAC supporters as a whole.

M.K. Gandhi was involved in the founding of the Natal Indian Congress, but not directly in the African National Congress.

The Martlet regrets these errors.



UVSS board hits cheating and comedy

by Alisa Gordaneer

Cheating in future campus elections is becoming more difficult, as the UVic Students' Society Board of Directors' adopted four recommendations suggested by its Electoral Committee at the March 25 meeting.

Political clubs will no longer be invited to poll-sit during UVSS elections, and individuals who break electoral rules in future elections will not count ballots.

Polls will be in the Clearihue, Student Union, Cornett, Elliott, and Maclaurin buildings for both polling days, and in Begbie, Phoenix, MacKinnon and Commons Block buildings for one day only.

Chief Electoral Officer Lise-Lotte Loomer said this recommendation was because these buildings had less traffic and easy access to other polls.

As well, lists of candidates 'officially' endorsed by any club, course union, or other group will be prohibited.

The recommendations were in response to the difficulties experienced during the March 14-15 polling.

Sexist "comedian"

Infamous for his uncensored brand of sexist, racist, homophobic and just plain obscene comedy, American comic Sam Kinison is coming to Victoria.

The board voted to support the efforts of a committee formed to protest his act, which will be in town April 11.

Letters protesting Kinison's appearance and a request for the show to be cancelled are being sent by the Society to the show's sponsor, radio station Q100.

The Feminists Coalition for Healthy Humour protested and leafletted his March 9 show at the 86 Street Music Hall in Vancouver.

A similar protest is planned for Victoria.❑

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Tuition hikes and cold shoulders

Protest rhetoric about tuition increases has quickly become a bit of a dead horse with all the increases of the past few years.

Most students probably feel it's not even worth protesting — tuition will go up anyway — and this year they won't even have the chance.

Tuition will probably rise seven to 11 per cent at the April 15 meeting of the university's Board of Governors.

The board is made up of about eight people appointed by the government, along with five people elected by faculty, students and employees.

In the past, students have crowded into the small gallery to watch and protest the meeting.

This year the meeting was pushed back from March 18 to April 15 — when most students have either left for the summer or are in the middle of their exams.

Representatives from both the Students' Society and the Graduate Students' Society gave presentatios to the Board of Governors finance committee early in March.

But they won't be allowed to give presentations to the April 15 meeting even though board members in favour of increases probably will.

"The board doesn't work that way," said University President David Strong.

He said the board will decide based on the information they already have, and not on information presented at the meeting.

"The board will be given the submissions we received."

Board members usually get all the information about two weeks before the meeting.

Bob McQueen, chair of the finance committee, said one of the reasons the meeting was pushed back a month was to give the student groups a chance to make presentations to the committee.

But no spectators or reporters were allowed into that committee meeting.

It's unfair to keep students from speaking to the board meeting when they raise tuition because Strong will be allowed to give a presentation, said Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic for the Students' Society.

"If that's the case, then the students should have representation as well," she said.

"The Board of Governors wants to pass this massive tuition increase with minimal public attention. That's what this whole issue is about."

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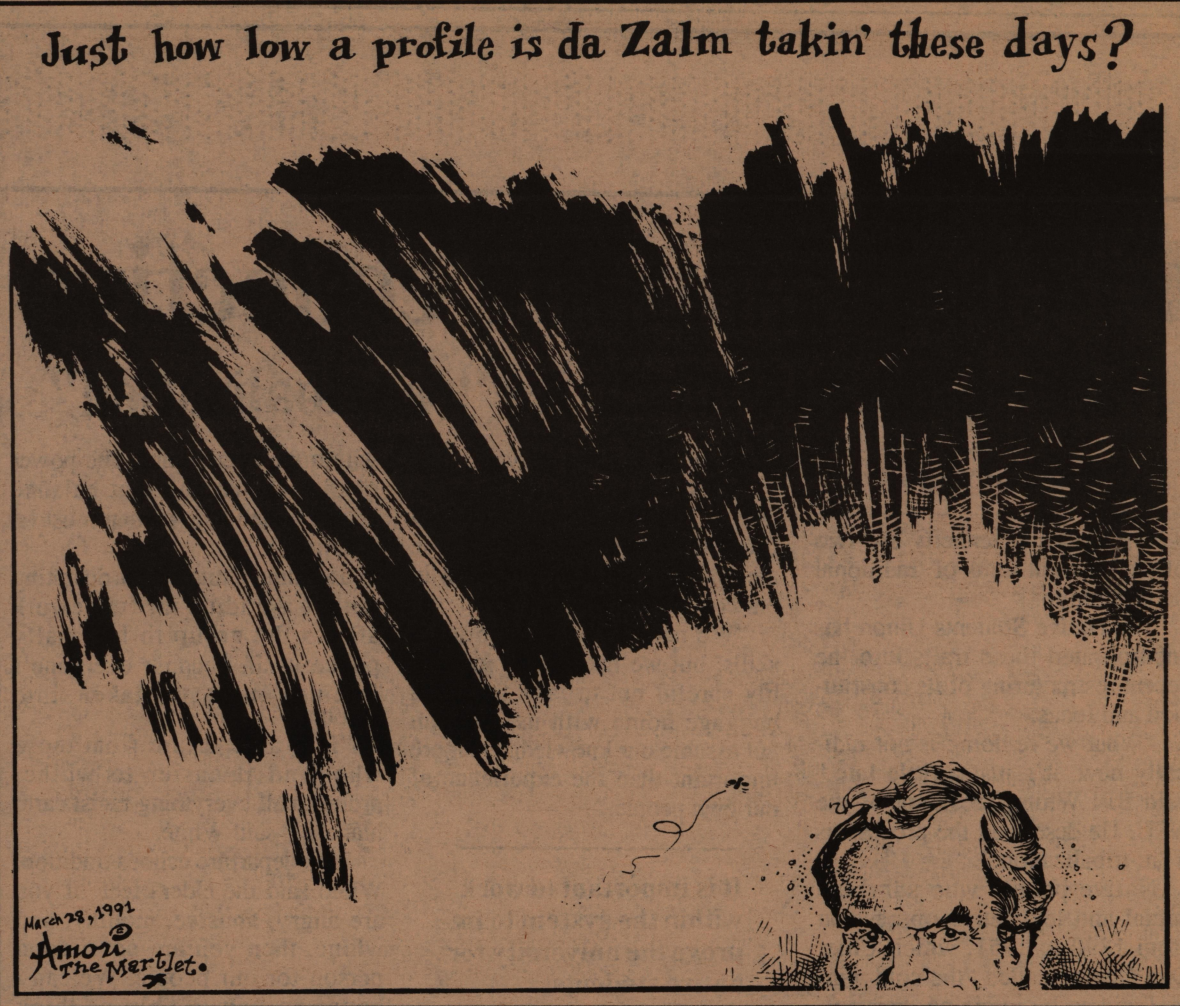

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Library doors endanger baby

Editors:

I would like to make the management of McPherson Library aware of a serious accident February 26, because of your gated security system at the library exit.

As I and my children were leaving the library, the gate of the security sensor locked in front of my hips and stopped me in full stride. The momentum propelled my six-month-old baby girl forward out of my arms. She flipped over in the air once and landed face down on the floor.

The renewed books I carried were not desensitized. None of the library staff came to my or my baby's aid. The check-out clerk who handled the books took them to desensitize, but I was left to determine my screaming baby's injury, shaken and stared at by students.

None of the staff offered to call for medical help or lent any assistance, such as a chair or a private place to recover.

Worse, no-one apologised. I felt as if the responsibility was mine.

The baby suffered a blackened eye, and a bruised hand and knee. She now also suffers from a distressful anxiety about falling.

A sign posted near the sensor would warn parents of the action of the system. The library might also consider replacing it with a loud alarm since even older children can be struck across the face or throat.

Meanwhile, I am angry about the incident and the unhelpful responses. I would like the appropriate apology and an acknowledgement of responsibility, from the staff involved and McPherson Library.

Deborah Juch

Individuals are important

Editors:

There has been a lot of talk recently about group rights, including important issues as women's rights, and minority rights. However, none of these issues will be solved until society recognizes the rights of the ultimate minority, the individual.

Whenever we focus on a group we can not help but rouse resentment in those who do not belong to a group and who's opinions get little air play. Focusing on groups will always lead some to generalize in an attempt to voice opposition.

The only way to solve issues of equal rights is to create a society where rights of the individual are held higher than all other issues. Women, men, natives and all groups should be equal in the eyes of the law.

We just finished a war made possible because individuals surrendered their own desires to the group, be it American or Iraqi. Thousands of individual's rights were ignored to assert the rights of these groups.

Remember, the Americans, Iraqis, Kuwaitis are all minority groups. What have we accomplished if we assert so called minority rights at the price of individual rights?

What people usually accomplish through fighting or lobbying is not individual equality but a realignment of a perpetually tilted playing field.

We end up replacing one privileged class with another, the most powerful minority groups holding all the cards. We must forget groups and enforce the right of the individual to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, free from coercion by minority groups or the government,

Brock Johnston

Society sickens

Editors:

I'd like to respond to the letter in the March 14 edition of the *Martlet*, submitted by the "The Praetorian Society."

I am so sick of people like the five of you. You've made generalizations on an entire group of people based on god-only-knows (I didn't notice you providing any evidence against the U.S. survey suggesting 20 to 30 per cent of the population is gay).

It's ignorant how you assume an entire group of people are "promiscuous or abnormal" because of the actions of a few - it's generalizing and it's blind and I can't see hating all people of a certain race because one of them hit you on your head.

And this, of course, is even assuming activities like "golden showers" are specific only to homosexuals - which I really doubt. And who are we to judge what's right or wrong?

Although I might make an exception with the five of you - fucking grow up, guys.

Jennifer Neale

Biker loves Mt. Doug

Editor:

I too enjoy using Mt Doug, both as a cyclist and a hiker. But it is my impression you would like to see mountain biking banned from the park. Are you aware a cyclist does no more damage to a trail than a hiker does? The most damage is done by horses' hooves, not to mention what they leave behind. And dogs like to root through the underbrush, disturbing the wildlife and trampling much of what grows there.

Mt. Doug offers some of the most challenging riding in the Victoria area, so it is no wonder a lot of cyclists use the park. But the great thing about Mt. Doug is that the trails are very resistant to wear, due to the fact there is so much other material in the soil, such as leaves, pine needles, twigs, roots and rocks.

I am interested in seeing Mt. Doug remaining open to all users, except maybe those who chose to DRIVE to the summit, and I would ask any cyclist who uses Mt. Doug to please ride responsibly. That means avoiding skidding, staying on the trail and not riding muddy trails. At the same time I would ask hikers to show us the same respect we show them. Hopefully, all users can continue to enjoy Mt. Doug for many years to come.

Chris Fraser

Student wants news pamphlet

Editors:

1. If the *Martlet* is really concerned about the waste of resources, the number of copies printed should be reduced. Copies printed represent paper used which represents trees cut and waste to dispose. The paper should be posted around campus and readers encouraged to pass their copy on to someone else or return it to the box after having read it.

2. One must also question how a self-proclaimed, environmentally conscious paper justifies wasting the front page with pictures. This is a waste of ink and thousands of sheets of paper. The wasted ink represents a significant cost in recycling as the de-inking process and disposal of that ink is expensive.

3. If autonomy means the *Martlet* has the choice of printing what it feels is important, what about autonomy for the students? Even if a student exercises the right not to read the *Martlet*, the student is forced to pay for it. It would be ridiculous if the *Times-Colonist* sent a bill to everyone in Victoria whether or not they read the paper.

4. Since we will no longer pay for the paper through the AMS budget, there should be a $2.50 reduction in AMS fees if we must pay $2.50 for the *Martlet*.

David Sulz

Scum criticized

Editors:

I felt the February 14 issue offered honest and responsible coverage of gay/lesbian issues. It was true to the CUP principles outlined in your masthead, while conveying a message of acceptance and understanding we should all be able to appreciate, regardless of sexual preference.

It's too bad reactionary scum like the Praetorian society exists, but its members said it all when they told you they had a "simple" reason for their letter. Simple is as simple does, guys. These are scary, scary people.

Adrienne Mercer

Rant continues

Editors:

Have you seen those stickers plastered all over campus by the UVic Anti-War Coalition? Yeah, the ones sponsored by the UVSS

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and the CFS. If your instincts tell you this is nothing short of vandalism, then your instincts are correct! Many of the stickers are difficult to come off and the damaged surfaces are going to have to be repainted at a cost of over $12,000! The UVSS (many UVSS directors are part of the coalition) will be assessed for the damages. That means you will be paying for it!

Shortly after the *Martlet* Autonomy referendum (the UVSS does not want to sucker you twice in one day), the UVSS will be asking students to approve the fee increase. The reasons given will be everything from SUB-expansion to the financial needs of an ever-expanding students' society. Don't be fooled! The bottom line is that through the incompetent financial administration of your money, the UVSS is in a major deficit situation.

At first glance this may seem funny, but it is deadly serious. By a combination of unloading the *Martlet* (imagine socialists embracing privatization) and substantially raising student fees, the UVSS hopes to start its journey from the red into the black. The losers will be the students (if they agree to this farce) for they will not only be paying more to the *Martlet* and to the UVSS, but they will get nothing in return. Enough is enough! It's time for a change.

Troy J DeSouza
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Women's Centre champions violence

Editors:

It is reassuring to see students taking action against various forms of violence in our society, such as insanely high military expenditures or violence in the home. One may wonder, then, why most students choose not to support the "anti-violence" campaigns originating in the SUB. Are these students in favour of violence? Certainly not. In fact many are involved in working to reduce violence in society; however, they do this through organizations and venues having absolutely no relation to the SUB.

The reason for this is simple. Any "anti-violence" campaign originating from the SUB is repulsive and hypocritical. For within the SUB is a champion of violence: the Women's Centre.

The Women's Centre advocates and counsels people to engage in the ultimate act of violence: the killing of human beings. Quiet, systematic murders committed in the name of convenience not only destroy the fabric of human society, but also spawn horrific consequences such as mental disease and trauma in mothers who have aborted children, and the destruction of the traditional family unit.

Abortion is the supreme manifestation of violence in society. Unless this truth is recognized, and the universal, sacred right to life is protected, the good efforts and intentions of all other "anti-violence" campaigns are nullified.

Laura Walsh

Rights can't be favoured

Editors:

How can you favor the rights of the fetus over those of the mother?

This question makes a couple of assumptions: 1) we actually do favor the rights of the fetus over those of the mother, and 2) there is no way to recognize the rights of each one.

The key word here is RIGHTS. Legally speaking, every "right" expressed in the Constitution has at least some legitimate limits to it: e.g. the rights to freedom of speech. If they conflict with the safety of others, the latter will obviously prevail.

There's the oft-said "right" to privacy, and how far it extends. There are definite limits to one's privacy. Therefore, arguing abortion is a "private" matter is completely asinine, since a woman's right to privacy will never exceed that fundamental right, that of her unborn child's right to life!

And most importantly, how can one put a price tag on human rights? No one will ever argue the rights of adults are more important than those of children. Whatever happened to equality for all? Since the developing baby is a separate individual from the mother, (different genetic structure, finger prints etc.), then he/she obviously must be granted the universal right to life.

Debbie Scott

Don't dismiss men

Editors:

Whenever a man talks about abortion, a common question is raised by pro-abortionists, which is: "Since men don't get pregnant why should they have any say in whether or not women have the right to get an abortion?"

This question assumes abortion should only be a woman's issue, and it is legitimate to exclude a portion of our society from the issue because of their gender, that's discrimination! Pro-abortionists want people to think the pro-life movement is a large group of men that are 'anti-women,' this is a blatant lie, the majority of pro-life members, and its leaders, are women.

Men can't be dismissed from the whole issue just because they can't get pregnant, women don't get pregnant without men, so how is abortion a one gender issue? In our society we allow legislators to make important decisions about subjects that do not affect them directly, everyday. After all, the unborn child killed by an abortion is not only the mothers but also the fathers. If a woman decides to keep her child, the father will be held responsible for financial aid. If responsibility is to be shared after birth, shouldn't it be shared during pregnancy?

Paul Bouwman

OK to deny rights, wrong to murder

Editors:

"Everyone has their own opinion about when life begins. Why should your view be the one we all have to live by."

In debating the abortion issue, the argument often comes down to when you believe life begins.

First of all, this statement assumes we have no idea when life begins, which is a complete fallacy. No modern medical text ever written says life begins at any time other than the moment of conception.

Choosing to ignore the medical evidence available to us, pro-abortionists then try to turn the issue into a religious one, one of belief and opinion.

Let's say, for arguments sake, someone is still not convinced of the time when life begins. If so, who are we to take the risk of killing another human being, based on such uncertainty? 99 per cent of our society would cringe in disgust at the thought of a baby being aborted at 9 months, yet in Canada this is legal since there is no law. What about 6 months? 3 months? Where do you draw the line? when it doesn't look like a baby anymore?

If you are not sure about the abortion issue, consider this: it would be far better to be pro-life and wrong, than pro-abortion, and wrong.

If the pro-life movement is wrong, then we are guilty of trying to deny women one of their rights, but if the pro-abortion side is wrong, they are guilty of cold-blooded, premeditated murder.

Stephen Petrucci

please punctuate

editors

was reading the letter page and had to rush to my typewriter because all *martlet* letters havta be typed so i could make one small complaint/request pleeaaase please please use punctuation in your editorials it's so damn hard to read that stuff and you have good ideas stress bills hunger love n spring but who the hell wants to read that big ugly block of uncapped run on type now i know it's hip and like totally groovy and even the emily does it but i really can't stand it and i even supported autonomy sorry about the vote and even like your staffers hi dan and amei and oliver thanks for the pins but just realized it ain't a great way to get your message across so keep up the good work and mind your caps and sentence teminators

Tanya Klaes

typesetter's note i kinda liked that editorial even the look of it tired of typographic convention nice to get a break and easier to typeset too and there's a precedent for this ever read the archy the cockroach poems by don marquis about a poet metamorphosed into a cockroach has to write by jumping on the keys can't be bothered with punctuation and caps but brilliant poetry highly recommended

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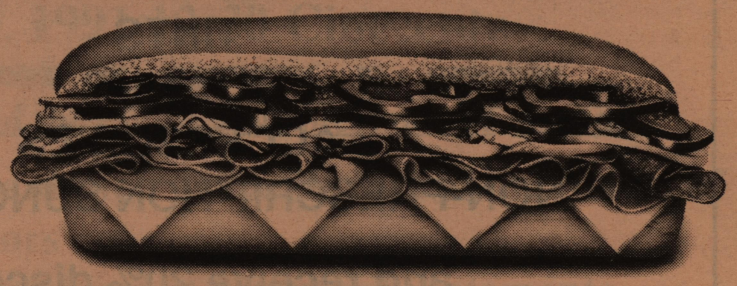

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Ontario's Premier addresses need for native self-government

TORONTO (CUP) — The treatment of native peoples is an example of "our very own homegrown Canadian colonialism," says Ontario Premier Bob Rae.

by Karen Hill

Speaking at a University of Toronto lecture on native health issues recently, Rae advocated native self-government as a solution.

"How do we come to terms with this colonial experience, except to realize the right to self-determination, and to recognize that the patterns that we've created between and among people have to be remade?"

Canadians have a long and discriminatory history in their dealings with native peoples, he said.

"We have to come to terms with our own institutional racism. We have to come to terms with attitudes that have no place in a modern Canada."

The premier said both provincial and federal governments have to consult with native peoples in order to make sure they receive adequate housing, employment and health care.

There are communities in northern Ontario lacking such basics as running water and decent shelter, he said.

"The conditions are very difficult. The housing is quite simply, appalling."

Joe Miskokomon, Grand Council Chief of the Union of Ontario Indians, said in his speech that problems facing native Canadians have "been studied to death."

"Very little has been done to look for remedies and answers on those questions."

The government needs to take immediate action, Miskokomon said. But, he added, solutions will take time to implement.

"The sense of despair and worthlessness did not come overnight and it won't go away overnight."

Rae agreed, saying consultation is simply not enough, and native peoples must have more control. "We need to create a model for health care that is built and designed and run by native people themselves.

"The new world has to be one in which the agenda is increasingly driven by native people and their perception of what their needs are and how those needs can best be met."

Rae also cautioned against thinking about health issues strictly in terms of disease.

Although suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, and teen pregnancies are critical problems facing native peoples, they must be examined in a broader context, he said.

"The major public health problem we find today is poverty. And the major consequences of ill health in the native community is not only physical poverty but also cultural destruction.

"If we can deal with both those things and understand the profound cultural component that they both have, then we can talk about native health care."

The best way for governments to deal with this is to stop stalling on native land claims, and make native issues a top priority both federally and provincially, Rae said.

Real solutions for native problems include control over destiny

Maria Amuchastegui

TORONTO (CUP) — Native people must have control over their own lives in order to assume responsibility for their destiny, says Georges Erasmus.

Erasmus, chief of the Assemply of First Nations, spoke recently to Scarborough College students and professors about the rugency of proposing real solutions to native Indian problems.

He said the Oka conflict has brought public attention to native issues.

"For the first time we really do have people listening," he said. "They want to find out if the Indian community is mature enough to address these very complicated issues in the modern world and in an industrial society.

"We have been trying to deal with people's concerns for realism, for practical solutions."

Erasmus also discussed the extent of the marginalization of native peoples.

Less than one percent of Canadian land is in the hands of indigenous peoples, he said, and of the 53 native languages in Canada, only three are not endangered.

As a result, the native community is plagued by suicides, dependence on social assistance, and internal violence.

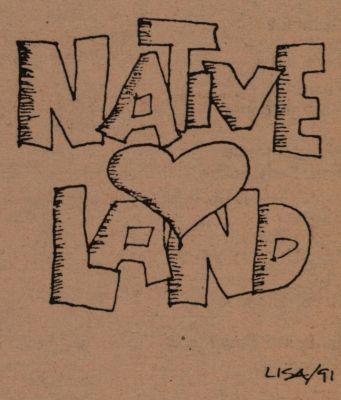
He set out two objectives which must be achieved before this pattern can be changed. The first, he said, is the fulfillment of treaty land agreements.

"The absolute, basic reason that native people have for their poverty is that they are left with so little land that it is impossible to plan any kind of economy."

A second and more important objective, he added, is the empowerment of native peoples.

"We have lived under domination and control, manipulation, for a long time. We are now the products of that.

"You must start at home. We do not have the ability, with the local control we now have, to mold and nurture the kind of values, the kind of individuals ... that we have to create. Right now we are the product of other people's vision of the world.



"We have to have control of basic, essential institutions. We must be able to make our own laws. We must be able to enforce those laws."

Erasmus said the native community has the political will to effect these changes.

"A flame burns in the hearts of our people that has not been extinguished and, if anything, is growing stronger," he said.

For the first time we really do have people listening.

"We have many different people coming behind us that will ensure our future is one where we control our destiny.

"The job is not complete. We're dealing with eighteenth-century, nineteenth-century, and early twentieth- century issues, and the twenty-first century is dawning."❑

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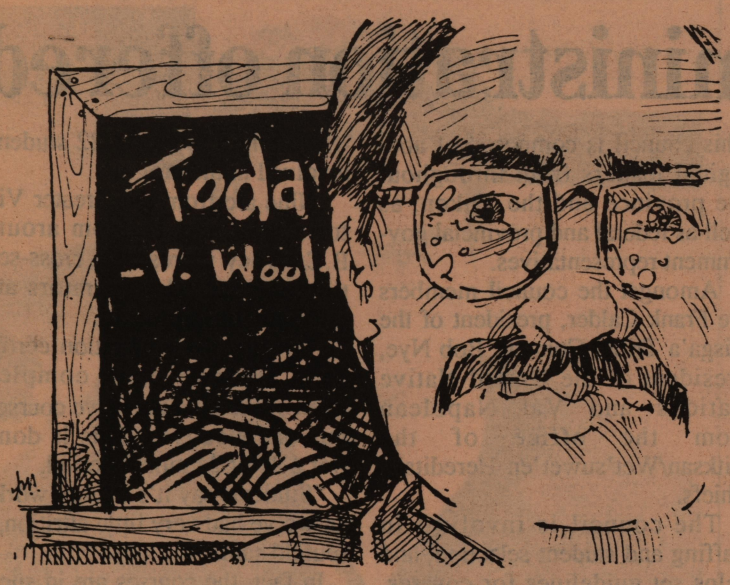

Aboriginal students face conflict of values
Expected to 'talk honky' to succeed

by Jeff Harrington

HALIFAX (CUP) — When Mohawk Patricia Monture couldn't decide whether or not to go to law school, she went to see her elder.

He told her a story, perhaps two or three hours long. When he had finished, she knew she had to go to university before she could fight for justice for her people.

"First, I had to learn how to talk honky," she said recently.

Now a professor of law at Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, Monture is one of an increasing number of First Nations people who recognize getting a university education is an indispensible if often unpleasant step to attaining self-determination.

"Canada is not making an effort to talk to us. We're the ones who have to do double-time and learn how to talk to them," she said.

But while talking and acting honky may come easy to English and French Canadians, it's obviously quite unnatural for First Nations people like Monture — who doesn't consider herself Canadian.

Never mind learning to talk like a lawyer.

First Nations people learn in a different way than the dominant Euro-Canadian society's mode of education.

An elder in a Micmac community doesn't lecture the children or scold them if they do something wrong — it is their responsibility to approach their teacher, and then watch and listen.

"We'll watch something long enough and memorize it and go away and try it until we get it right," said Jean Knockwood, a native education counsellor at Henson College in Halifax.

For eight years, Knockwood has helped aboriginal students cope with a system that has little inkling of the cultural differences that can make university an alien place.

She holds regular writing and study workshops to help students become familiar with the ways universities work.

"You don't have to alter their learning style, their cultural beliefs or how they see the world," she said.

Unfortunately, many non-native teachers at all levels judge First Nations student by their own values, equating shyness with disinterest, or silence with stupidity.

The result: "streaming" into non-academic or vocational courses, appalling dropout rates (20 per cent complete high school — 75 per cent is the Canadian average) and low participation at the university level.

"I don't think our students are failing because they're stupid or inadequate.

Canada is not making an effort to talk to us

"They're failing because the system is failing them," said Wendy Hull, chair of the Aboriginal Students' Association at Dalhousie University.

As well as hiring more First Nations faculty — Dalhousie has two out of 760 — and staff, Hull feels schools and universities must alter their curricula.

"I'm tired of having to listen that residential schools were good for my people," she said.

And all teachers must be taught — not by non-natives —that a meaningful education for First Nations people involves the mind, body and spirit.

"In your dominant society,

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Non-native professors dominate native studies programs in eastern Canada

by Matthew Lawrence

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Due to a shortage of native professors, native studies programs at Brandon University and at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College are dominated by non-native professors.

The number of native professors available is small in relation to the number of students applying for courses, said David Miller, the non-native head of SIFC's Indian Studies program

"We have a tremendous shortage of Indian people with graduate degrees and it's making it difficult to staff programs to meet academic standards for most faculties," he said.

An ideal program would have a majority of native professors

Most of the professors are not of aboriginal descent at SIFC, where 90 per cent of the 1,100 students are native.

Brandon's Native Studies program is also taught primarily by non-natives.

The shortage has created some problems, according to Brian Scribe, president of the campus' Native Students Association.

"Some students feel that some professors were more biased towards native issues. I think a presentation coming from a native person would be a little different."

Scribe said that native professor should be teaching courses, especially those dealing with native history.

"In terms of more historical stuff, I'd like to see a native professor do that," he said.

But professor Sam Corrigan, head of the department, said the lack of native teachers in the program hasn't been a problem for students.

"Do you insist that everyone who teaches English be from England and everyone who teaches Far East Studies be from the Far East?" said Corrigan.

According to Dr. Paul Voorhis, a language professor in the Native Studies program at Brandon, bias is inevitable. He said there are advantages and disadvantages to having a non-native professor.

"It might be an advantage to have experienced a native culture from the inside as a member of it because it might give insights and understandings that would be harder come by.

"At the same time it might obscure some understandings simply because you're too close to it," Voorhis said.

Professor Chartrand, past department head at the University of Manitoba's Native Studies program, said an ideal program would have a majority of native professors.

"Aboriginal people are able to provide that perspective and more likely to reflect the aboriginal perspective."

Chartrand also said that aboriginal teachers can, through their passion and sensitivity, more accurately provide a true account of aboriginal history.

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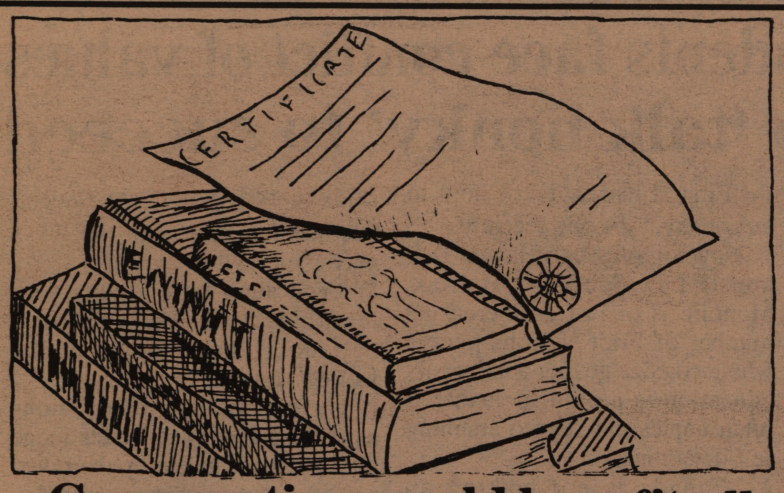

Co-operation would benefit all

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on the possibility of negotiating any type of co-management agreement with MKO.

According to Anderson, cooperation between Repap and MKO would be beneficial for both groups.

"I can't see any reason for them not to do it, except perhaps because the company is nervous about losing control.

"We don't see it that way, we see it as lessening the companies risks," Anderson said.

If no agreement can be made, Anderson said, concerns about outstanding land entitlements and removal of natural resources would escalate and may lead to more serious action.

Mary Ann Cerilli, environment critic for the Manitoba NDP, said she thinks more input from aboriginal people is crucial in any northern development plan.

"One of the big things is to see that the money stays in the North," something that has not happened in the past, according to Cerilli.

Unfortunately, the provincial PC government is presenting the Repap issue as one of environment versus growth — in which environmentally-sensitive development can only be done at the expense of jobs, said Cerilli.

Native administration offered

by Amei Parkes

An enthusiastic response has greeted a new certificate program for the adminstration of aboriginal governments offered at UVic since last September.

The program is offered through the school of public administration and was developed by aboriginal organizations and the university.

"The students are very enthusiastic about the program," said Elsie Neufeld, program administrator. "They say it's long overdue."

Courses are set up so out-of-town students can come to the university for up to three five-day periods throughout the semester.

"It's very intensive study," she said.

People can choose from a wide range of courses covering topics such as written communications in aboriginal organizations, law and aboriginal governments or managing with people in aboriginal organizations.

The entire program is guided by an active advisory council. This council is composed of aboriginal leaders from throughout the province and the Yukon, as well as federal and provincial government representatives.

Amongst the council members are Frank Calder, president of the Nisga'a Tribal Council, Bob Nye, president of the United Native Nations and Val Napolean from the office of the Gitksan/Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs.

The council is involved in staffing and student selection, and helps set guidelines for courses, said Neufeld.

The courses are taught by several outstanding political and administrative leaders from the aboriginal community.

Currently there are 22 students involved in the program.

Nine are from the Greater Victoria area and 13 from around B.C. They represent a cross-section of band administrators and government employees.

To earn the graduation certificate, students must complete seven of the nine intensive courses plus one elective. This is done over a 20 or 24 month period.

"Students say it's a lot of work, but we've had very little attrition," Neufeld said.

In fact, the courses are in such high demand public administration has turned away students.

"We cap enrolment at 25. It's the absolute maximum for the group dynamics."❑

Education system failing natives

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we're looked on as quitters. But most people don't make it because they aren't spiritually whole — they don't have the right suport."

Now 35, Hull will graduate with a degree in political science this spring, ready to change things.

"(University) education is not important to me in my life. But it is important when we start dealing with the government," she said.

Hull is hopeful things will get better — Dalhousie has made some positive recent changes. But as she nears graduation, a piece of her spirit is missing.

Her mother chose not to teach her Micmac. Hundreds of years of "civilizing" propaganda had done their trick.

"She believed I would speak English, go to an English school, and do better than she did."

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ON THE SPOT

by Robert Kaill and Damian Shaw

Question: How do you feel about the Student Initiatives Project referendum coming up on April 3 and 4?

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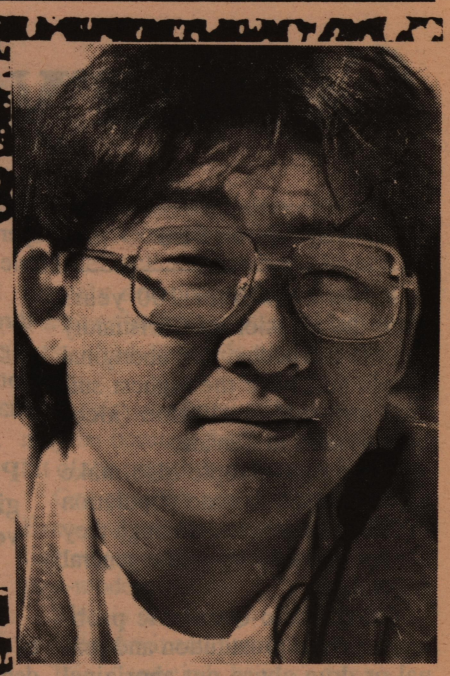
I agree with it, it should be passed, it will help all the residence students. I particularly support the daycare.

Marni Drummond
1st Year
Biology

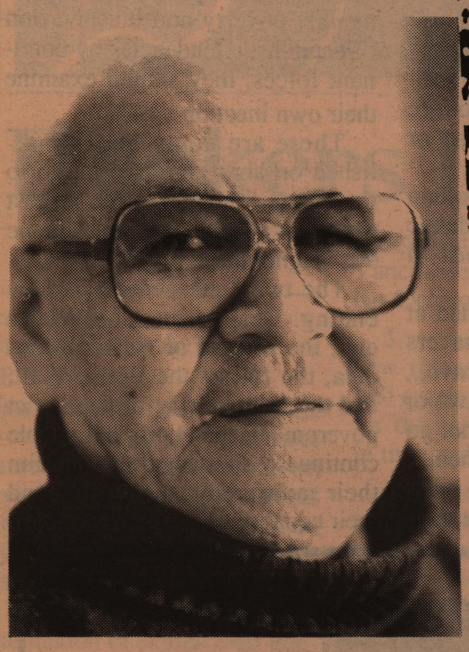
I definitely think it's a good idea, it directly benefits students for a change. Especially the daycare, single mothers need a break, I've gone that route myself and daycare definitely leaves a lot to be desired.

Sharon Mody
3rd Year
Anthropology



I support it because I've been here a year now and I feel that married students with children could really use the daycare.

T. Saito
1st Year
Science



Being a mature student, I feel anything that's of benefit which would enhance student services would be beneficial only if it helps those in need.

Earl George
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NEWS

Century weighs heavy

by Sharon Bird

It has been over 100 years since the invasion of Christianity and the patriarchy, and aboriginal people still have the highest suicide and self-mutilation (alcoholism) rates in Canada.

Aboriginal people also make up the highest inmate population in Canadian prisons, although they are not the majority in the general population.

Other socio-economic problems such as prostitution and sexual or drug abuse put aboriginal people at a high risk of contracting the HIV (AIDS) virus.

Many of these problems have their roots in the early contact period when native and white people first began inter-relating.

Missionaries travelling throughout British Columbia during the nineteenth century were compelled to make major social changes in their converts.

Parents would be forced to give up their children at very early ages.

The residential school system of the first half of the century demoralized the aboriginal people forced to attend.

The schools, administered by priests and other missionaries under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church, enforced a strict code of conduct upon aboriginal people.

This system, commonly known as the 'Durieu system,' after Bishop Paul Durieu, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, assigned a hierarchy of authority within the native community.

Under orders of a priest, native men assigned as 'chiefs,' 'watchmen,' 'soldiers' and 'Eucharist chiefs,' would spy, punish, and assist with spiritual matters.

The oppression of aboriginal people under the system made it easier for missionaries because physical punishment was 'out of their hands.'

Aboriginal men were ordered to carry out lashings when reports were made to the priest by appointed spies about people who did not obey rules of conduct.

Father Leqac wrote, "What a wonderful change has been effected since the appearance of the first missionary among them."

He wrote, "It will soon be 28 years. The transformation is so great I can scarcely believe my eyes."

His description of the changes clearly shows the effectiveness the Durieu system had of Christianizing aboriginal people.

The 1848 Revolution in France prevented the 'Society of Propagation of the Faith,' the principle fund-raiser for the Oblates, from sending aid to the missions in North America.

Dependence upon white subscriptions to continue operating was one reason missionaries supported white policies.

White policies were formed by the federal government. The ultimate objective of these policies was the termination or assimilation of aboriginal people.

The most effective way to achieve these goals was through education in the residential schools.

Dependence on white subscriptions was one reason missionaries supported white policies.

Many children died in the residential schools from exposure when attempting to run away or from disease and sickness.

Father Allard wrote to explain his struggles over the flu epidemic at Lejac residential school in northern B.C.

"For the first ones that died at the Mission I recited the prayers in the church and at the grave... The others were brought in two or three at a time, but I could not go to the graveyard with all of them.

"In fact several bodies were piled up in an empty cabin because there was no grave ready. A large common grave was dug for them..."

The objective of assimilation was easier than termination because parents could be forced to give up their children at very early ages.

The matrilinear system governing traditional aboriginal societies was systematically torn apart by forcing aboriginal girls into the female patriarchal role.

The Department of Indian Affairs eventually replaced the traditional role of aboriginal man: protector and provider.

When people don't understand the aboriginal peoples' struggle against poverty and the invasion of capitalistic tendencies by dominant forces, they should examine their own inaction.

There are many books published on aboriginal issues; go to the library and read. The largest enemy of aboriginal peoples in the 90s is ignorance.

The twentieth century is now ending. Despite the Cold War's end, the release of Nelson Mandela, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the restructuring of the Soviet government, the aboriginal people continue their struggle to reclaim their matriarchy, their land, and their equality.❑

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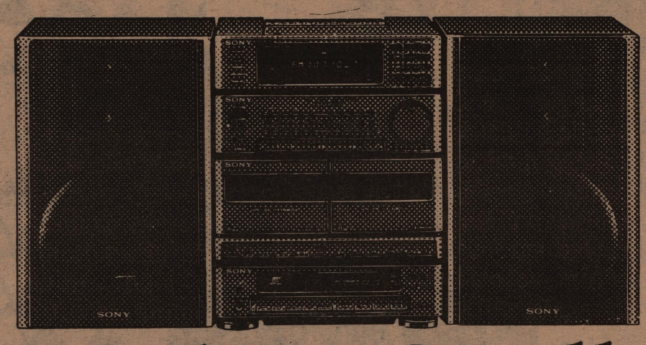

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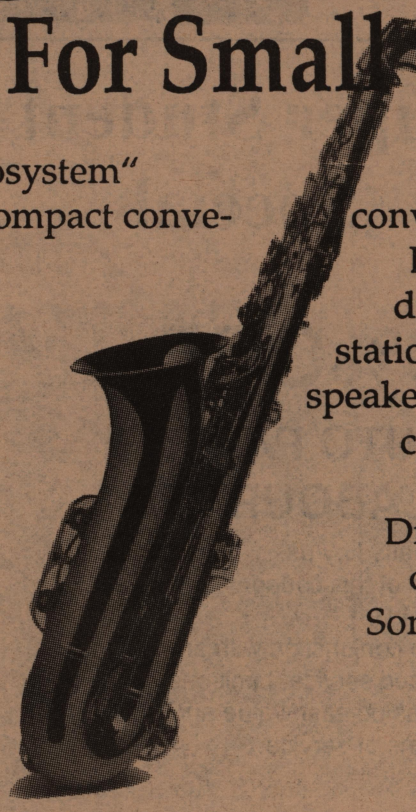

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NEWS

Paternalism lives on in Indian Affairs

by Jeff Harrington

HALIFAX (CUP) — Over a century after it was created to help exterminate the culture of Canada's aboriginal peoples, the Indian Affairs department is alive and well.

And so is its trademark paternalism, say some First Nations educators.

"They seem so afraid of native self-determination, they're still not letting us take control of education," says Mi'kmaq Shirley Mitchell, director of the education centre at the Millbrook reserve in central Nova Scotia.

Officials of the department, now known as Indian Affairs and Northern Development, insist they are moving toward native control of education.

We're known in government terms as a band controlled program, but we control nothing.

Department figures show that bands control 75 per cent of the estimated $184 million to be spent on post-secondary education this academic year.

But Mitchell and others beg to differ.

"Although we're known in government terms as a band-controlled program, we control nothing," says Kathy Knockwood, education director for six Mi'kmaq bands in Nova Scotia.

"Indian Affairs gives us the policy, and tells us how to run the program. It tells us how much money to give students, and what to give it to them for."

Despite limited autonomy and funding, Knockwood feels the program she helps run has been a success.

With an education counsellor based in Halifax and on each reserve, students have a much better chance of coping in an often alien university environment.

When Indian Affairs last controlled funding four years ago, there were six Mi'kmaq graduates. This year, Knockwood has her sights set on 38.

The Assembly of First Nations has identified aboriginal control of education as vital to the revival of aboriginal culture and the attainment of self-determination.

The bands who now control about 240 elementary and high schools in the country have proved the Assembly's point.

I don't want some white politician who's never seen an Indian making decisions for the community.

Abysmal dropout and failure rates have fallen at the schools, mostly in Western Canada. Attendance and graduation rates have shot up.

But in provinces such as Nova Scotia where aboriginal people have minimal control of primary and secondary education, the situation, although improving, is still bleak.

Thank the Indian Act, the tool of assimilation the Indian Affairs department was created to administer.

Passed in 1876, the Indian Act was a refinement of various earlier pieces of legislation, including the "Act for the Gradual Civilization of the Indian Tribes in the Canadas" of 1857.

It affected every aspect of the lives of "status Indians," whose 500,000 descendants are still affected today.

Its general goal was assimilation. Its methods: "education," religion, and the forced introduction of agriculture. It didn't quite work, but that's another sad story.

The now-infamous residential school system was an integral part of the planned conversion from "barbarism" to European "civilization."

Children were taken from their families, often sexually abused, and beaten for speaking their own language.

Missionaries attempted to convert them to Christianity and taught them in a manner utterly foreign to traditional methods of education.

Residential schools continued to operate until the late 60s and many of their survivors are only beginning to speak out now.

In Nova Scotia, as elsewhere, the language — the root of culture — was badly damaged.

Many parents who attended residential schools chose not to teach their children Mi'kmaq because they had been convinced it was "dirty." In the provincial schools, the assimilation continued.

This year, the Mi'kmaq dropout rate in senior high schools is 80 per cent, the same as the unemployment rate on Nova Scotia reserves.

There is only one Mi'kmaq teaching in the provincial school system, and a book on Mi'kmaq history now in the curriculum is written by a Jewish man from New Brunswick.

"It doesn't make sense to me, when we have Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia with doctorates, who have done years of research into Mi'kmaq history," says Knockwood.

Knockwood says she's fed up with the government's attitude that it knows what's best for aboriginal people.

"I don't want some white politician who's never seen an Indian making decisions the community should make," she said.

Mitchell says the ignorance of government officials helps foster a vicious cycle of make-work projects, unemployment and welfare.

"These programs are run by people who don't understand us, or our culture. We feel uncomfortable and very few leave the reserves to look for employment," she says. "It creates an attitude of dependency."

Those comments hit home at Indian Affairs, where First Nations make up only eight per cent of employees.

This year at the Atlantic regional office in Amherst, N.S., the department had its first-ever sessions to "sensitize" non-native employees to First Nations issues. One department employee says changing the line of thinking at Indian Affairs is the only reason he's working there.

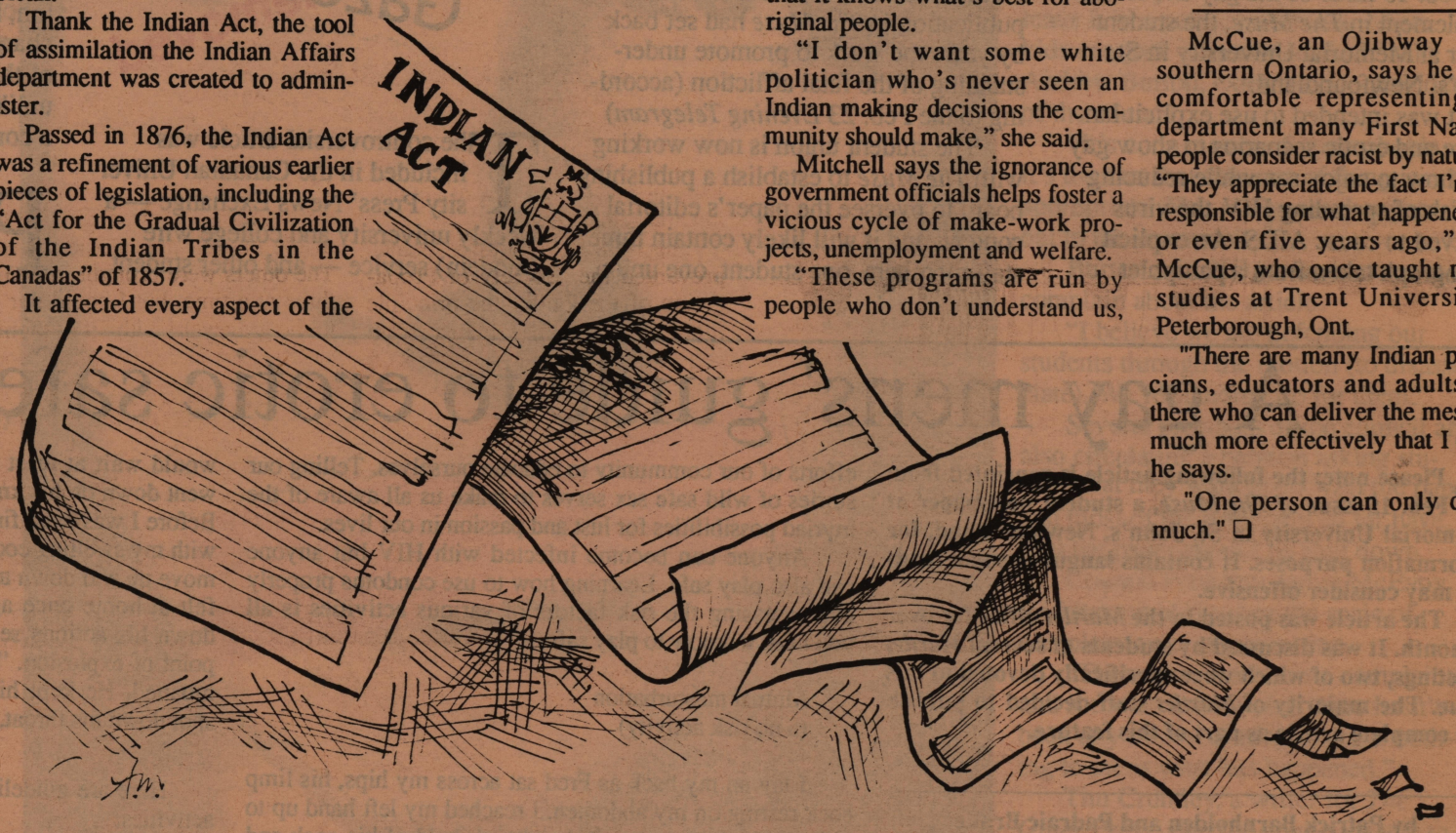
"If my presence was amounting to nothing, I wouldn't be here," says Harvey McCue, director-general of the department's education branch.

The residential school system was an integral part of the conversion to 'civilization'.

McCue, an Ojibway from southern Ontario, says he feels comfortable representing the department many First Nations people consider racist by nature. "They appreciate the fact I'm not responsible for what happened 20, or even five years ago," says McCue, who once taught native studies at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont.

"There are many Indian politicians, educators and adults out there who can deliver the message much more effectively that I can," he says.

"One person can only do so much." ❑



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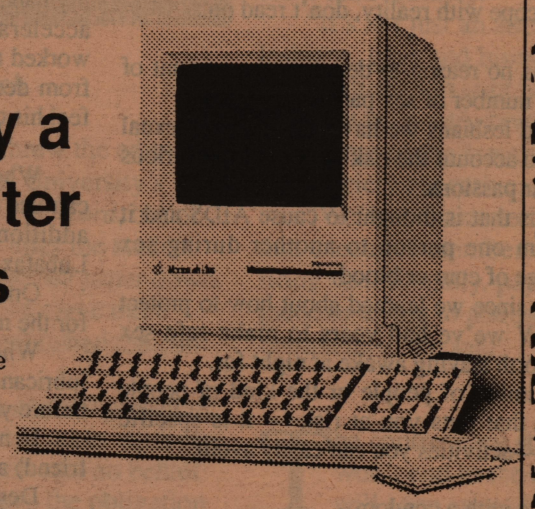

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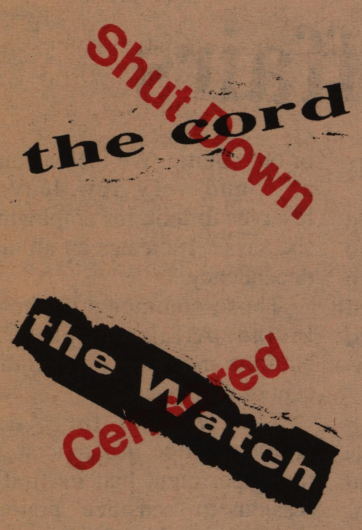


by Oliver Ho and Sherryl Yeager
with CUP files

It started as an article in a student newspaper in St. John's and grew into a national event dealing with censorship, homophobia and pornography.

The article, entitled "A gay mens' guide to erotic safer sex," was part of the Feb. 15 issue of the gay and lesbian supplement in *The Muse*, the student paper at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

It was intended to use explicit language and erotic scenarios to show gay men how to enjoy sex while reducing the risk of spreading HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS. An explicit photograph taken from a pamphlet about oral sex produced by the AIDS committee of Toronto accompanied the article.

Soon after the supplement appeared, Memorial University President Arthur May said in the St. John's *Evening Telegram* the article was "pornographic" and suggested it could cause tuition to rise by hurting alumni donations. He retracted these statements the next day.

In response to May's comments on pornography, Theresa Walsh of the St. John's Status of Women Council said, "Pornography is sexual imagery which presents a human subject as a sexual object for the use of the viewer.

"This article, and the accompanying photograph, depicts a sexuality which is mutually pleasurable and entered into freely, not one linked to violence, humiliation or ridicule."

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary launched an investigation into the incident, but dropped it a month later.

As well, not all AIDS groups are sympathetic to the problems facing *The Muse*.

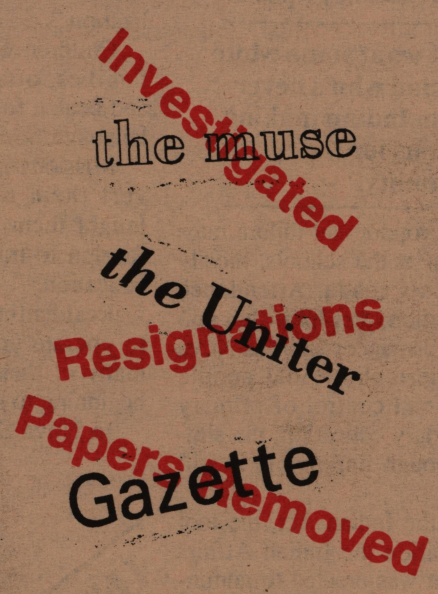
Peter Wood, speaking for "AIDS victims," said in a CBC interview the publication in *The Muse* had set back by years the work to promote understanding of the fatal affliction (according to the Feb. 23 *Evening Telegram*)

The student union is now working with *The Muse* to establish a publishing board to oversee the paper's editorial content, and it will likely contain three staff members, one student, one union representative, one media representative, and an impartial chair.

"The board has very limited power, so the concept of the group acting as a censor board is not realistic," said Chris St. Croix, co-ordinator of *The Muse's* Gay and Lesbian supplement.

He said the paper's staff did foresee a problem with the article's publication, but they agreed its point was strong enough to risk the controversy.

In retrospect, however, he said, "We probably would have done something to tone it down if we had have known the trouble we would get in."



The controversial article was included in the Canadian University Press' News Exchange — a weekly university and college wire (modem) service — and other student papers also published it.

"Paper's are supporting *The Muse's* right to run a feature showing people how to stem the spread of HIV," said Francesca Lo Dico, president of the Canadian University Press (CUP), which has 47 member papers across Canada.

"By using explicit and gay-positive language, and actually showing people how to have safer sex, *The Muse* took an approach proven to reach people.

"*The Muse* and other papers are educating people about a health issue. There's absolutely no reason for student councils to be threatening to shut papers down, or for the police to be investigating, because there is nothing illegal about what they did."

According to the criminal code, "Any publication a dominant characteristic of which is the undue exploitation of sex, or of sex and any one or more of the following subjects, namely, crime, horror, cruelty and violence, shall be deemed to be obscene."

Brian Iler, lawyer for CUP, cited legal precedents back to the celebrated *Lady Chatterly's Lover* case in 1962.

"In view of (these decisions) with respect to obscenity, it is, in our opinion, highly unlikely that a criminal charge would be laid for the publication of this article, and further, highly unlikely that if such a charge were laid, a conviction would be registered."

Padriac Brake, a gay rights student activist at Memorial who co-wrote the article, said explicit,

A gay mens' guide to erotic safer sex

Please note: the following article is reprinted from the Feb. 15 issue *of The Muse*, a student newspaper at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, for information purposes. It contains language some readers may consider offensive.

The article was posted in the *Martlet* office for over a month. It was discussed by students at several *Martlet* meetings, two of which were specifically devoted to this issue. The majority of *Martlet* staff decided to publish the complete article as part of this feature.

by Patrick Barnholden and Padraic Brake

WARNING: These guidelines contain explicit language. If you can't cope with reality, don't read on.

Fear of AIDS is no reason to decrease the amount of sex you have or the number of sex partners you have.

As gay men and lesbians we have adapted our sexual practices to take into account the risk factors of the various ways we live out our passions.

HIV is the virus that is thought to cause AIDS and it can be passed from one person to another during sex through the exchange of cum or blood.

But remember, since we learned about how to protect ourselves from HIV we've had years to make safe sex exciting, fun and worth staying awake at night for.

It is not the number of people or the kind of people you have sex with that puts you at risk — it is specific high risk activities —activities you can easily avoid.

Anal intercourse with a condom
(a lower risk activity)

As I woke up I could feel Mark's hard cock pressing into my ass and was immediately reminded of last night. My first move was to reach down beside the bed and grab the last remaining condom. Opening the package as I could feel Mark smearing my ass with K-Y I could only think of the ecstasy I would feel within minutes. I put the rubber on the tip of his beautiful cock and squeezed the tip and rolled it down to the base. Squirting more K-Y onto his cock he slipped into my already lubricated ass.

The eroticization of safe sex has been crucial in the efforts of our community to educate ourselves. Telling our stories of wild safe sex serves to make us all aware of the myriad possibilities for lust and passion in our lives.

Anyone can become infected with HIV but anyone can also play safe. Learning how to use condoms properly and assessing the risk factors of various activities is all you need to know to play safe.

Mutual masturbation
(a no risk activity)

I lay on my back as Fred sat across my hips, his limp cock resting on my abdomen. I reached my left hand up to his left nipple as my right hand took hold of his cock and balls. Within seconds I could feel his cock hardening in my hand. I slowly worked my hand up and down his shaft, accelerating my actions and pinching his nipples as I worked to make him cum. Soon I heard the telltale sounds from deep within his throat and knew that I was about to feel his cum squirting all across my chest.

When choosing a condom always choose latex — you can use either lubricated or non-lubricated but always use additional water-based lubricant such as K-Y jelly or Lubafax.

One size fits all but Trojan now has a large sized one for the man with a big ego.

When putting on the condom you can squeeze some lubricant into the tip. Always squeeze the air out of the tip before you roll the condom down.

It never hurts to practice on your own (or with a friend) a few times before you actually fuck with one.

Dental dams are pieces of latex rubber that act as a barrier when eating cunt. They are available at some drugstores and at dental suppliers.

Condoms can also be cut up one side and used in the same manner.

Fellatio without a condom and swallowing cum
(a low risk activity)

I had heard Raghu's message on the answering machine very clearly, "I'll be over around 10 and suck your cock within the first 3 minutes." Raghu never wasted time. The doorbell rang at 10:04 — I had thought he would wait at least until the door was closed before he went down on his knees and found his way into my pants. Before I was even finished my hellos his mouth was filled with my swelling cock. Looking down and seeing his head move up and down and feeling his tongue circle my cock I felt at home once again. Raghu speeded up and slowed down his actions several times as he brought me to the point of explosion. "Ohhh, I'm gonna cum now Raghu" I moaned. He kept his lips tightly around me as my cum shot down his throat.

Here are guidelines for assessing the risk of different activities.

HIGH RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

Anal intercourse (ass fucking) without a condom
Vaginal intercourse without a condom
Sharing sex toys (dildoes etc.) without thorough cleaning or condoms
Any activities where there is contact from one blood stream to another

LOWER RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom
Unprotected oral sex on a woman during her period
Unprotected oral sex on a man (cocksucking) with or without swallowing cum

LOW RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

French kissing
Drinking pee
Oral anal contact (rimming)
Eating shit
Giving or getting head (cocksucking) with a condom
Getting head without a condom
Giving head without a condom, no ejaculation
Oral sex on a woman without a dental dam outside her period
Oral sex with a dental dam

Patrick Barnholden is a gay AIDS activist who recently moved to St. John's and Padraic Brake is a gay rights activist at Memorial University.

student press in the media spotlight

gay-positive education has been effective in many studies, and the article was a "replication of safe-sex material used in other North American cities."

He said it was based on a booklet on safe-sex education produced by the Canadian AIDS Society. The booklet suggested, "a variety of specifically tailored terms be used for the many different needs of people, in their own erotic vocabularies."

"It wasn't meant to sensationalize, nor to shock anyone," said Brake. "It was to communicate directly to gay men in the language that they use."

Brake estimated there are over 2,000 lesbians and gay men among the students, staff and faculty at Memorial.

The media has also been criticized for its response to the article.

"It's really unfortunate the media pounced on this and defined it immediately as being about offending people, rather than as a health education issue, said Gary Kinsman, a sociology professor at Memorial University who has done extensive research on AIDS education issues.

Kinsman said the media's fascination with the many negative reactions to the article created an "hysterical" atmosphere that could stifle crucial discussion and education about AIDS.

"This is a brilliant illustration of how the homophobia in society is preventing us from doing the effective safe-sex and AIDS education we have to do."

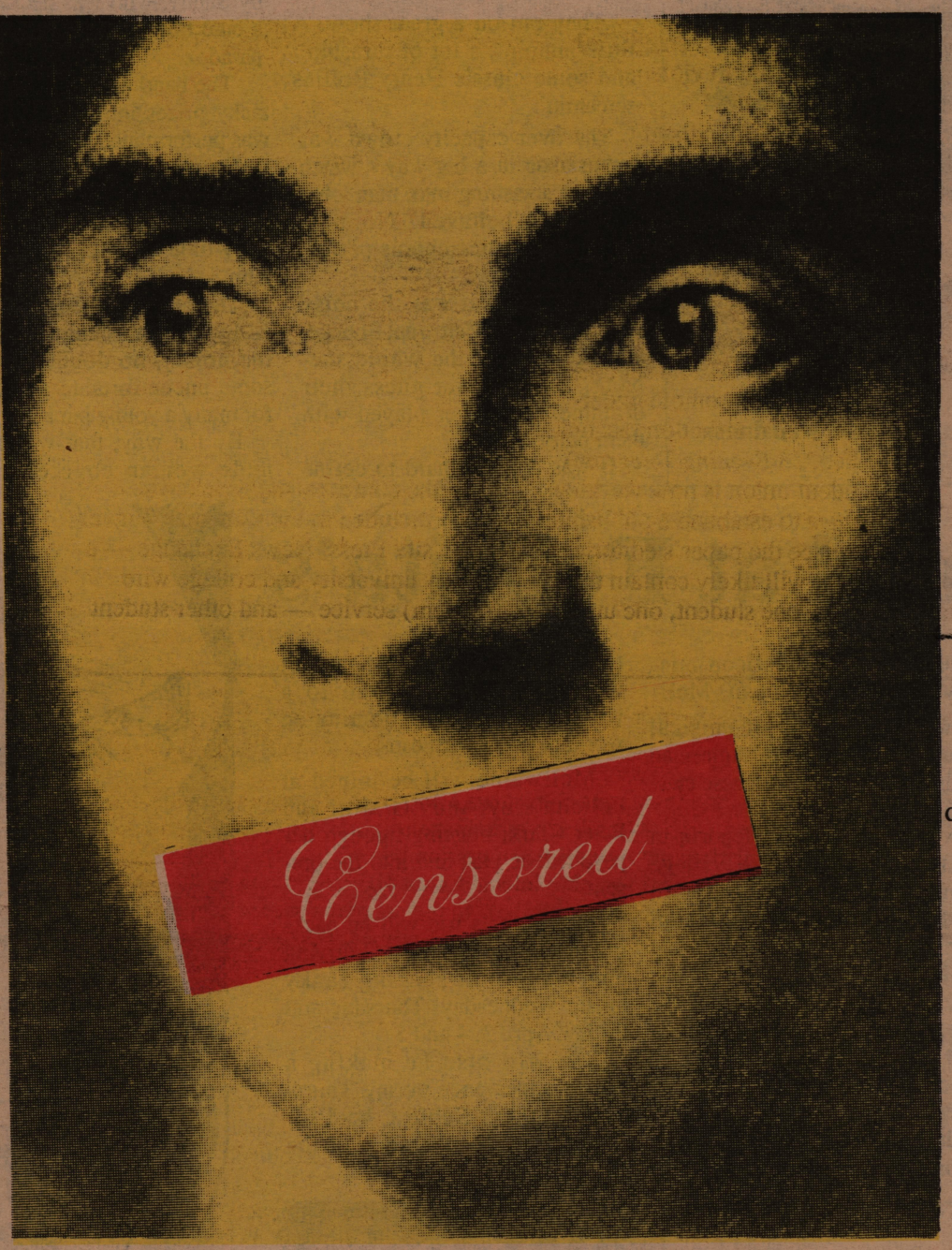
Kinsman said community-based AIDS groups in New York, San Francisco, Toronto and Vancouver have taken similar approaches to the article in *The Muse* to educate people, and they have been successful in reducing the number of HIV transmissions among men.

"This is the type of work that succeeds. This is what works."

Kinsman said the backlash was an example of attempts by government, religious groups and the mass media to suppress information about safe sex.

"The reality is you have to decide whether you're going to allow HIV to spread because of your moral perspective, or whether you're going to seriously grapple with explicit education.

"Hopefully, more people will realize we have to deal with this issue, even though it may offend a few people. In many ways this is a health emergency."



Other campus papers across the country published the story and experienced varying degrees of condemnation.

The Uniter, from the University of Winnipeg, published the article in its Feb. 27 paper, which was its lesbian, gay and bisexual issue.

Soon after, about 40 students complained at a March 5 public forum organised by the student council. Some asked for the editors to resign.

Carol Phillips, copy editor for *The Uniter*, read a statement to the forum supporting the special issue and reiterating the paper's solidarity with other student newspapers threatened by censorship.

"The eroticization of safe sex information is one of the most effective means of educating people around AIDS issues. It works to inspire individuals to employ safe sex practices in ways that a clinical approach could not."

Reaction on campus to the article was not all negative, she said.

"When the issue first came out we experienced a fairly violent backlash, but since more people have become aware of the controversy we've received support from gay men, lesbians and bisexuals on campus, the gay community at large and people in general who believe in protecting the freedom of the press."

The *Dalhousie Gazette*, from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, published the article in its Feb. 28 issue, and within four days all the copies disappeared from the campus.

"There's not a chance in hell they were picked up one by one," said Alexander Dow, the *Gazette's* advertising manager. "They were picked up en masse."

Allison Johnston, co-editor of the *Gazette*, said the educational intent of the article has been lost in the publicity surrounding the controversy, and it is affecting freedom of the press.

"Before it was an issue of content and language. Now it's taken another turn they're talking about shutting papers down."

One of the fraternities at Dalhousie, Phi Kappa Pi, said they would push for a referendum at the student union's annual general meeting to decide on the paper's future.

On March 8, the Halifax police announced they would investigate the *Gazette* under obscenity laws. They dropped the issue a week later, near the same time police dropped the case against *The Muse*.

Another Halifax student-run newspaper, *The King's College Watch*, tried to print the story in its March 5 issue, along with commentary on the controversy.

The issue came back from the printer with a large blank space where the article was to appear, and the word "Censored" in its place.

"There is a legal problem with printing anything that may be considered pornographic, and we have a lot to lose by printing anything that could affect our reputation," said Paul Fitzgibbons of WEB Atlantic, the printing company, who personally pulled the article from *The Watch*.

Campus police threw the editors of Wilfrid Laurier University's student paper, *The Cord*, out of their offices March 4 after the student council effectively shut the paper down.

The council's move came three days after the paper published the controversial article.

Stuart Lewis, the council president, said the article offended many students.

"Because the union acts on behalf of the students, we have the obligation to encourage something we can be proud of and not support something that puts us in a negative light."

Cord Editor Tony Burke said the council had been trying to close the paper for some time because of two lawsuits stemming from an editorial published in 1990.

"This year's staff is being held accountable for last year's mistake that some of the new people didn't even know about," he said.

"*The Cord* has published some poorly researched news stories and potentially libellous editorials," said Lewis. "There has been a pattern of problems over a long period of time and an isolated incident did not cause this."

The council voted March 3 to close the paper and change the locks to the office. On March 6 they voted to reopen the paper under four main conditions.

The conditions include giving Jana Watson, president of student publications and publisher of *The Cord*, final editorial control over the paper's content, superseding the authority of the staff and editor.

Another condition created a "Student Input Task Force" to "solicit Wilfrid Laurier University student opinion with respects to all aspects of *The Cord*."

The Other Press, the independent student paper at Douglas College in Vancouver, printed the article March 14. On March 18, the student council voted to disassociate itself from the article.

"Do you think that a newspaper has the right to print this sick material and leave it in a public concourse where kids can pick it up and read it?" said Andrew Burton, external vice-president of the council.

"It's not a matter of homophobia ... it's the fact that this sort of thing is not appropriate. This is a paper that goes out to the community."

Burton said 200 students came to complain about the article.

"I believe we are defending our students through the motion (to disassociate). We're standing up for them."

Several members of the council are also circulating a petition asking students what they want to do with the paper, and most of the responses so far have said the paper should be shut down.

Council President Jamie McEvoy said Burton is blowing the scale of complaints out of proportion.

"There have been some complaints and some discussion, but there hasn't been any overwhelming disgust, nothing to merit what has happened."

Tim Crumley, a writer for *The Other Press*, said the council wants to close the paper because it reports on them unfavourably.

"It's not just an attempt to silence lesbians, gays and bisexuals on campus. It's an attempt to shut us up because we have not been very favourable editorially to some of the members of the student society executive.

"We've been covering stupid things that executive members have done, like firing staff illegally, paying them illegally, or trying to abolish the society completely," he said.

The controversy about the article won't end in the near future. It will soon appear in *The Critic* at the University of Otago in New Zealand. The *Dalhousie Gazette* has also received an inquiry about translating the article into Dutch for printing in the Netherlands.

A computer network called gaynet picked up the story and *The Quest* at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, has expressed interest, as well as a West Hollywood gay and lesbian bi-weekly called *Frontiers*.

ENTERTAINMENT

Oliver Ho

THE MUDWOMEN COMETH — Big-time weirdness during Drone's set.

The fine art of the mosh: big fun at punk benefit

by Alisa Smith

Shutdown's power sound kept the mosh intense during last Saturday night's five-band Amnesty International benefit in the SUB Upper.

The energy just didn't quit, and neither did they - when the power was cut, they played through their amps.

Now that's punk.

Shutdown's new material was hot, from Circle Jerks and D.I. covers, to old tunes thrashed out with their new edge.

They put on a great show. A little jumpin', a lot of thrashin', and some classic Henry Rollins screamin'.

The over-capacity crowd was enthusiastic in a big way - watch who yer smashing into, man - but very well behaved. No bust despite the police chorus performance nearby.

An early treat was the noisy anarchic fun of Menstrual Sponge, who kicked off the whole shebang. You'd never guess their drummer had never played with them before.

It was actually hard to define who all was in the line-up, as the number of people on stage varied throughout the show.

An interesting twist on the 60s go-go girl with tambourine theme was the band's groovy dude in the wildest psychedelic bell-bottoms this side of Value Village. He could really bang that hubcap with soul.

Sponge's two wacky core members, Maxine and Sandy, used a wild under-water distortion sound to enhance their vocals.

A highlight of their set was the complete destruction of a guitar by Sandy, who was decked out in a cute 60s baby-doll dress. A real paradox.

The band also threw lots of fun tacky prizes into the crowd. This was performance art at its finest.

Drone was also into the show effects. Between each number, they played a recorded Orwellian story-time message, but overdid it a bit.

Their only lighting was provided by a red flashing siren (minus the noise), no doubt provoking some uncomfortable associations for many a young punk.

By the way, that was a semi-nude woman covered in mud dancing on the stage. All the young male adolescents were quick to clue in.

Distorted Influence's musicians were really strong, but their vocalist has a heavy-metal complex. He's got big hair and he's not afraid to use it.

The tunes were solid, though - basic hard rockin' hardcore.

The self-proclaimed complexities of Stick Farm's unpredictable rhythmic volatility may be hard on the mosh, but the challenge was accepted with a vengeance.

Stick Farm's enthusiasm was only slightly diminished by mild technical difficulties, namely a complete power outage.

The crowd could've been more patient, but after acquiring a taste for Stick Farm's happy lunacy, it was hard to keep 'em down.

On women and the mosh: it would be cool to see more of the first in the second. Hey, all you need is a little nerve, a lot of momentum, and some big shoes. Steel toe is not unadvisable.

With that philosophy in mind, the benefit gig was a thoroughly good time. I've got the bruises to prove it.❑

Blues legend at Felicita's

by Andy Stonehouse

The sweet sounds of slide guitar will be making an extended stop at Felicita's when blues legend Ellen McIlwaine drops in for a three-day stint.

McIlwaine, a Southern slide player following the style of Johnny Winter, Duane Allman and Z.Z. Top's Billy Gibbons, fires up a powerful show with her skillful playing.

Using her voice as a second instrument, her high-energy vocals have led to comparisons with Bonnie Raitt.

With an unusual upbringing as the daughter of American missionaries living in Japan, McIlwaine's mixed bag of musical influences range from American rhythm and blues to Japanese classics.

A protege of Jimi Hendrix in the late 60s Greenwich Village scene, McIlwaine played with Muddy Waters, Elvin Bishop, John Hammond and others while still in her early 20s.

McIlwaine has gained wide recognition for her distinctive style and charismatic solo performances, where she polished her trademark techniques.

Since the early 80s, McIlwaine has branched into leading a tight trio of bass and drums, a spot which doesn't often go to a woman in the male-dominated world of guitar virtuosos.

McIlwaine will be joined at Felicita's by Andy Grafitti and Peter Clark, blasting through her psychedelic past and into the present.

McIlwaine's trio will be packing three evenings of hard-driving dance and butt-shaking funky music Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 3, 4 and 5.

She will also be making a cameo appearance during Thursday's outdoor Subfest, held for free during the afternoon of the 4th.❑

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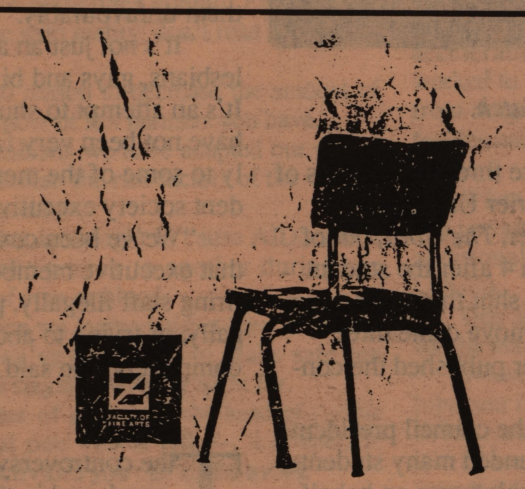

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ENTERTAINMENT

Evan's soul-searching sounds

by m.c. schraefel

Murray D. Evans
Independent

I want to write the truth so I can get the facts
But the facts are plain
the truth is on a train
And it's not coming back this way again
-"Oxymoron World"

The prairies offer an intriguing perspective from which to view both this country and our habits within it. Maybe such vision comes from those incredibly far-sighted horizon lines, letting a soul searcher see backwards and forwards.

Whatever it is, Brandonite Manitoban (and founder of the Brandon Folk Festival) Murray D. Evans has tapped into it.

From his Manitoban vantage, Evans culled an eight song self-titled critique of our penchant to deny the "whys" behind the things we do.

Because of such critical-mass subject matter, a certain caution is in order before proceeding.

This is a hard tape to audition if your focus is on lyrical content. Evans is a subtly, sharply effective lyricist—and looking into a mirror directly after a listen is not recommended.

Ironically, the music and musicianship is very soothing, beautifully produced by Pierre Guerrin at the happening Finucan Studios in Winnipeg.

On the tape's first track, "Northern Element," Evans holds up for very specific scrutiny the short-sighted, hypocritical programs which first decimated the Inuit peoples, then tried to "help" them recover by forcing them to learn English.

Dolefully in "Every House Has a Restaurant" and cynically in "T.V. Religion," Evans speaks to our tendencies to follow a trail of money for presumed eternal safety.

By portraying sorry, all-too familiar examples of bust towns and defrocked preachers, Evans astutely demonstrates how such practices lead more often to bitterness than towards the heart's desire.

If this sounds morally heavy it may be because there is at least a bit of the preacher in Murray D.

One gets the sense listening to Evans' sweet voice that his travelling single guitar-man show is his post-modern pulpit.

This is not to say that Murray is without wit and humour.

His "special bonus dance track" which portrays Elvis as a street cleaner (metaphorically and literally) sends up the Elvis obsession in less than 30 seconds.

But beneath all the album's cynical trills and dynamic word play runs the persistent, sad strain that we're a self-destructively mixed-up lot—we do what we want, and when we know it's a questionable thing to do, we cover it up.

All such hypocrisies continue, Evans' collection asserts, because it's easier to comply with the status quo even when it's killing us, than to get honest and work on making the world better for our being here.

Talk about a voice crying in the wilderness—or at least on the prairies. The truth may be on a train, but Murray's Volvo ain't far behind it.

Murray's self-titled tape is available for ten bucks by mail c/o Productive Apathy Music & Publishing, #1-705 Lorne Ave., Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 0T5.❑

Rockers lost in space and time

by Christian Koehl

Space Bandits
Hawkwind
GWR Records

Hawkwind is not Spinal Tap. However, when I saw that fake documentary about a run-down hard rock band, I could not get rid of the feeling the film was at least partly modelled after Hawkwind.

Hawkwind, too, is still waiting for a comeback to save them from the damnation of eternal club touring (which, incidently, led them to Vancouver for the first time ever last December).

Space Bandits, Hawkwind's new release, doesn't look like it will create much lateral movement for the band, still perpetually lost in time and space.

In the dawn of the seventies, Hawkwind was among the first to steadily incorporate electronics in a rock line-up. Yet unlike their sophisticated contemporaries Emerson, Lake & Palmer or Pink Floyd, Hawkwind was more of a barbarian horde let loose on technology.

Hawkwind's universe was that of the 1940s science fiction serials, filled with artwork of rusty spaceships gone wreck on alien deserts. But more than the mere fantasy imagery later heavy metal bands flashed in their lyrics and cover art, it was Hawkwind's music that carried you away.

Their so-called "space rock" was still raw three-chord-rock at the core. But electronics, woodwinds, violin and, often enough, poor engineering alienated everything to a hollow haze that was anything but earthbound.

Without conscious intent, Hawkwind would at times sound like the Stooges on AM from the bottom of the sea, and at others like Deep Purple with the Lama noon choir in thin Himalayan air.

With Bob Calvert as lead singer in the later seventies, Hawkwind managed to put out some elaborate material on albums like *Quark, Strangeness and Charme* and *PXR 5*.

After Calvert's departure in 1980, ex-Cream drummer Ginger Baker temporarily found (or lost) his way into Hawkwind. Since then, the band's charming illusions of worlds beyond has made way for clean, standard Sword-and-Sorcery, served on precise hard rock.

On *Space Bandits*, I have the impression it's the seventh album of about the same title without considerable changes in the music.

Brand new, though, are the female voices, and pleasantly archaic is the violin of Simon House, who provided grand illusions on several of their older albums. It seems Hawkwind will have to continue their spaced odyssey for quite some time.❑

Atwood arrives

by Amei Parkes

Want to go hiking with Margaret Atwood? Learn how in her latest book, *Wilderness Tips*.

Atwood, noted novelist, poet, critic and feminist, will be reading from the book Monday, April 1 at the UniCentre, as part of a benefit for the En'owkin International School of Writing in Penticton.

The Okanagan school has been established as a place where aspiring native writers are encouraged to record traditions and rites through their writing.

Atwood's new title is a bit deceptive. *Wilderness Tips* is a collection of short stories set in the Canadian wilderness, not a how-to guide for kayakers and outdoor survivalists. The book is set to be published next fall.

With over 25 years of fame (and notoriety) in the Canadian publishing scene, Atwood is known for her brutally truthful and direct commentary on women's issues.

Tickets for the reading can be acquired only at the Phoenix Box Office. The price is a hefty $10 for students and $18 for anyone else.

Atwood will also be reading at an "intimate" reception and dinner at the Faculty Club on Tuesday evening, March 2. Tickets for the Faculty Club show will be $100.

Proceeds from both readings will go toward the Certificate Program in Native Indian Writing at the En'owkin Centre.

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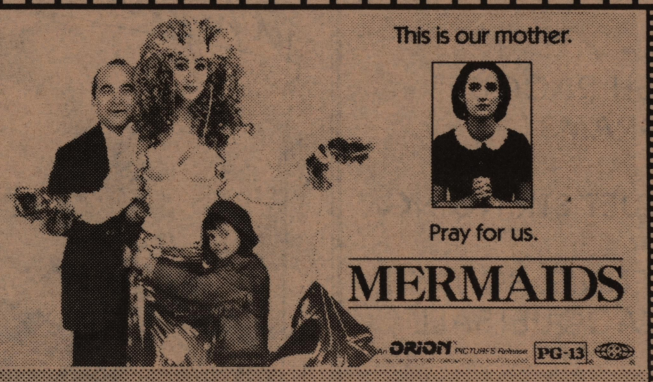

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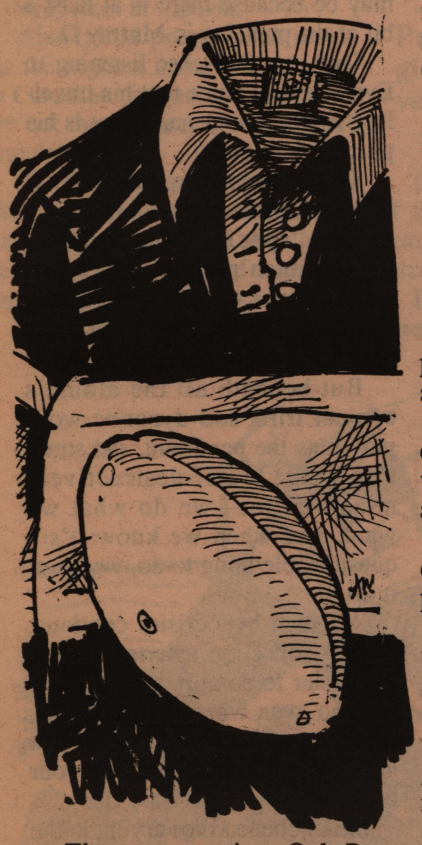
SPORTS

Grim show by Vikes in weekend match-ups

by Robert Cooper

It was a grim weekend for the rugby Vikings, losing 28-26 to Oak Bay on Saturday and 34-26 to Cowichan on Sunday.



The game against Oak Bay proved to be a thriller, with the Vikings falling behind after a drop goal by ex-UVic player and national team member Gareth Rees in the dying minutes.

The game was a delight for the fans, who witnessed incredible runs by the likes of UVic players Roy Wheeldon, Paul Berg, and John Battie.

Sunday's game was equally disappointing, with the Vikings playing a strong game, but falling nonetheless to the powerful league champion Cowichan Piggies.

UVic's Norsemen saw better success, beating Oak Bay seconds 21-15.

Tries were scored for the Norsemen by Mike Sengara and Kyle Fergusson.

Leading the Norsemen scoring was Cam Wilton, who put his boot to good use in kicking three penalty goals and two conversions.

UVic's second division Saxons continued their winning ways this weekend, downing Velox 12-4 in an awesome display of power.

Mark O'Regan led the Saxon charge, scoring 8 points on two penalty goals and a conversion.

The Saxons picked up momentum throughout the game, relentlessly battering their opponents into the turf.

Jeremy Sabell highlighted the game with a dazzling end to end run to score the Saxons' lone try.

Sabell, the Saxons captain, is confident of the overwhelming power the Saxons now wield and has one question for their remaining opponents: "What are YOU going to do when Saxon-mania rolls into town?"❑

Chuck Bennett

Paddlers make waves

by Chuck Bennett

There were a number of spills and splashes in Cowichan River last weekend as Kayakers from all over Canada took part in the annual Slalom and Wildwater race.

The race is the first of three races to decide the BC team, and is traditionally hosted by the UVic Kayak Club.

The race was another success this year as about 50 racers showed up, including five National team members and two BC team members.

Canadian team member Francois Letourneau finished at the top of the heap, winning the elite category, which is for the most advanced paddlers.

Letourneau, who follows an extensive training program all year round, said he likes kayaking because of the action.

"Kayaking is like surfing a wave," he said. "You go tearing across in the current and if you don't stay on line you will be in trouble. It's very dynamic."

Kayaking also offers a lot in the way of variety. A person doesn't have to be an expert paddler to enjoy the sport.

There are a variety of different kayaking categories and different levels that people can compete in. There is the elite group, but there are also intermediate and novice categories. There are different styles of boats to race in. The standard boat used is the one person Kayak, but there is also the one person decked canoe and the one or two person open canoe.

There were 15 racers from the UVic club involved in the race. Although they did not compete in the elite category they were quite successful in the intermediate and novice classes.

Robert Burgess won the novice division and placed second in the intermediate. Gord Oliphant, also a UVic paddler, came second in the novice, while teamate Teri Young finished a close third.

Burgess, a nine year veteran of the sport, enjoys kayaking because it provides a continuous challenge.

"I do it because it is playing with a potential, uncontrolled force," he said. "You are forced to use the rapids the way you wouldn't necessarily have to."

Matt Kelly, a prominant BC paddler who offers an extensive training program for new paddlers, sees kayaking as a sport on the rise in Canada.

"Kayaking is going to be the sport of the 90's," he said. "It's exciting and it's always changing. People are becoming more interested about the sport and more people are getting involved in it. TSN is even covering it quite a bit lately."❑

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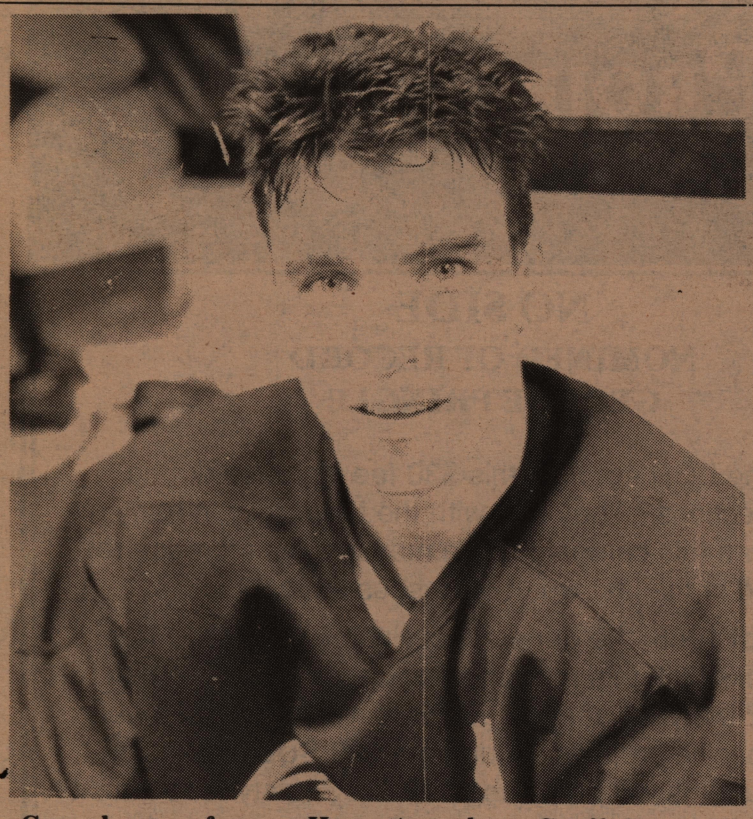

Damien Shaw

Canucks new face — Home town hero Geoff Courtnall joins the closest professional franchise, the Vancouver Canucks.

Local boy does good

Canuck's new face familiar for Cougars

by Robert Kaill and Damian Shaw

Geoff Courtnall is more than just a new face on the Vancouver Canucks, for Victoria hockey fans, he's a local boy playing for the closest professional franchise.

Born in Lake Cowichan in 1962, Geoff began playing hockey at nine, after four years of watching his younger brother Russ, who now plays for the Montreal Canadians.

In 1967 the Courtnalls moved to Oak Bay where Geoff learned his trade at the nearby racquet club.

He found minor hockey in Victoria, "Great. We used one of the best facilities in Victoria, got lots of ice time, and never had to practice during early morning hours."

In 1981 Geoff began playing in the Western Hockey League (WHL) for the Victoria Cougars.

In a little over two years he amassed 213 points in just 154 games, yet he was passed over twice in the National Hockey League (NHL) entry draft, because many thought he didn't play tough enough to make it in the big league.

His career was launched when he chose a free agent contract in July 1983 with the Boston Bruins from several teams' offers.

Geoff's reasons for signing with the Bruins were he "felt (he) had the best chance to make that team, and they had the best overall offer."

For a free agent he's made a strong mark for himself.

He started slowly in the NHL, playing only four games his first season (1983-84).

However, in 1987-88 he was teamed up with Cam Neely and Ken Linseman on the first line and experienced an offensive explosion of such magnitude the defending champion Edmonton Oilers acquired him at the trade deadline for their successful drive to the Stanley Cup.

The Cup winning experience provided Geoff with his greatest thrill.

The following summer he was traded to Washington, where he continued his offensive success for the Capitals, including a strong showing in last season's playoffs.

Geoff was traded again in the off-season, this time to the St. Louis Blues who were looking for a scorer to back up Brett Hull, the league leader in that department.

The St. Louis experiment lasted a little over 60 games until another trade deadline move brought him to Vancouver.

The Blues' interest in former Canuck defenseman Garth Butcher allowed Vancouver Coach and General Manager Pat Quinn to dictate the terms of a seemingly lopsided deal that brought Geoff, Cliff Ronning, Sergio Momesso, and Robert Dirk to the Canucks for Butcher and Dan Quinn.

Geoff greeted the trade with excitement, as did his mother who still lives in Victoria. After eight games with the Canucks Geoff said that he feels more comfortable playing for Vancouver than the other cities he's played for.

"For a free agent he's made a pretty strong mark for himself," said Quinn.

There's a bit of friendly rivalry between us, but nothing serious

"He's done a good job scoring in this league, which was one of the reasons we acquired him, especially as a left wing replacement for the goal scoring of Greg Adams when he went down with injuries. I think he'll be a real asset to the Canucks for many years to come."

In the off-season Geoff returns to his home in Sooke Harbour and trains at a local gym.

As for after hockey, Geoff is co-owner of the Valley Golf Center in Victoria with his brother Russ, and would like to become involved in housing building and development.

The Courtnalls are one of several sets of brothers playing in the NHL, but few match up so closely on the scoreboard, Geoff playing in 496 games has 378 points while Russ has played in 519 games and has 380 points.

"It's always awkward playing against Russ, you're always aware of when he's out there and are a little concerned about checking your brother," said Geoff.

"There's a little bit of friendly rivalry between us, but nothing serious." Russ presently still lives on the island, in Mill Bay.

Early indications suggest the trade has been a success for Vancouver as they fight Winnipeg for the last playoff spot in the Smythe Division.

The Canucks are still a very young team on which Geoff, at 28, is a seasoned veteran.

"I've played with great players and great teams. I've won a Stanley Cup and have eight years of experience. I hope to become someone that the younger guys will lean on."

These same younger guys could bring Vancouver a Cup.

I hope to become someone that the younger guys can lean on

"It's not out of the question, in three or four years Petr Nedved will be one of the league's greats and if these guys can get it all together a championship team is built on 20 players who can play as a unit.

"There's already more raw talent here than in St. Louis and they're a serious Stanley Cup contender."

Vancouver dominated the March 20 game, against the Calgary Flames, leading in shots in all three periods totalling 41 to Calgary's 27 (including five by Geoff), taking fewer penalties and holding the lead twice.

Despite the effort, they lost the game 3-2 to a strong Flames team challenging for first in the league.

The top line of Courtnall, Trevor Linden, and Cliff Ronning was completely shut down.

"It was a tough game to lose," commented Geoff in the dressing room. "We worked hard for 60 minutes, but a couple of mistakes turned into goals.

"We were playing a good team and had to work for our chances. The turning point was when Gilmour scored (Calgary's first goal) and broke our momentum and got them back into the game."

The loss severely hurts the Canucks playoff hopes, but it seems "just wait 'til next year" is more than just an idle threat.❑

UVic dominates races

Ryan Buchanan

The commercial and recreational boat-infested waters surrounding Stanley Park and False Creek were invaded by the overpowering UVic Rowing team last weekend as the Vikes rowed away with 16 of 17 total races.

The lone loss occured on Saturday in the men's allumni race during the 500 meter competitions, where the Vikes went head to head with the University of British Columbia along the waters of Stanley Park.

On Sunday, UVic went undefeated in ten 2000 meter races through the waters of False Creek.

The competitions in Vancouver served as a final tune up in preparation for the upcoming regatta in Augusta, Georgia, this weekend.

The UVic women's varsity eight crew was especially overpowering as they defeated UBC handily in the 500 meter sprints and then basically ignored the competition en route to a resounding 23 second win in the 2,000 meter race.

says this year's team displays "one of the finest varsity eights I've ever had." With a sense of genuine respect, Crawley continued on to praise the women's eight as "one of the best collegiate crews the world has ever seen."

The novice women's eight and men's junior varsity eight also each won handily in the 500 meter sprints over UBC. However, the novice and varsity men and the J.V. women's eights faced closer contention en route to their victories.

In Sunday's 2,000 meter races, the men's pair of Chris Spencer and Colin Thompson rowed to a conclusive victory. The men's four with coxswain and the novice eight also defeated their opposition.

The Vikes varsity eight crew battled Gonzaga University of Spokane, Washington, and Simon Fraser University throughout the course before pulling in front by 2.4 seconds over Gonzaga's shell.

National team members Kelly Mahon and Kirsten Barnes won the women's pairs while UVic women's crews in the four with coxswain, the J.V. four and the novice eight all rowed to resounding victories.

In the closest race of the day, the Vikes women's J.V. eight nudged 1.5 seconds in front of the T-Birds J.V.'s in what is developing into a competitive rivalry.

The highlight of the Vikes varsity eight regatta season peaks this weekend in Augusta against some of the toughest American collegiate crews.

"We'll be hard to beat as we've got a lot of well distributed power," said Crawley of the women's eight. Commenting on the men's eight, Crawley said, "they have a young crew with a good attitude, but they have their work cut out for them in Augusta. It will be a useful experience for them."❑

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APRIL 3&4

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NOMINEE OF RECORD
LISE-LOTTE LOOMER

The Student Initiatives Project is being presented to UVic students as a one time opportunity to complete three major projects, and it is only possible because the University has promised to match dollar for dollar all money raised by students. This will allow:

1) Completion of the **Student Union Building**

The Student Union Building was last expanded in 1975, but over the past 16 years the student population has outgrown the SUB. A completed SUB would include:

-live music night club and improved pub
-student food market and major dance /meeting venue
-events box office, bank machines and games room
-office space for student groups
-drop in daycare
-student study space
-work rooms and meeting rooms for campus groups

2) Construction of a **New Daycare Centre**

It's time for the antiquated Daycare Centre to be replaced by a new and modern facility that will provide spaces for 130 children. Parents ~~on-c~~ampus will be relieved when long waiting lists are alleviated. With this initiative, our student owned and operated Daycare will provide the building our children deserve.

3) Implemention of an **Emergency Student Aid Fund**

Complaining about student poverty is not enough. The Emergency Aid Fund will let students help students in financial distress. From this perpetual fund an estimated $11,000 in bursaries annually would be administered through UVic's Financial Aid office.

- We want to know what you think -

Only you know what students need the most. We are asking you which of the proposed initiatives are the most important to you. Through this referendum you will be able to set the priorities for the Student Initiatives Project.

On April 3 & 4 Vote for Student Priorities.
Vote for day care, student aid, and a completed S.U.B.
VOTE "YES"

NO SIDE

NOMINEE OF RECORD
GEORGE PRINGLE

Why did the BOD not hold this $30 fee increase during the March elections? They met with the University in early Febrary to plan this campaign. Is a massive fee increase referendum held in the last week of classes ethical?

In the fall of 1988, the general activity fee increased from $25 a year to $32. If this referendum passes it be $37 next year and $47 the year after. In addition, we pay $105 a year to support specific projects including a $20 SUB expansion fee. Soon students will be paying more in Society fees than it costs to take a class. With the upcoming tuition hikes of over 10%, this additional burden will add to the financial hardship of many students.

The BOD claims that this fee increase is going for SUB expansion. Why then is this fee going into general revenue instead of being locked into the SUB expansion fund? The answer is that portions of this increase is going to used to support the BOD's overspending.

EXAMPLES OF CURRENT SPENDING PRACTICES

- $60,000 for 4 student politician's salaries.
- $9,000 for student politician's travel.
- $2,000 for phone calls.
- $1,200 for faxes.

Of course these are the budgeted figures, rarely do they ever come in on budget.

We currently have about $3.5 million in our SUB expansion trust fund with over $200,000 in student fees being added each year. Now the BOD wants to raise our fees without giving us any details of this project. The BOD should be asking the student's opinion on what kind of expansion we want before they ask for such an excessive increase. Is our new and improved SUB going end up like the A&W renovation in Felicita's.

The BOD's bending over backwards to push this fee increase through. They have rewritten the referendum rules to give them 60 extra posters for each endorsement from a club or course union. If you thought the overpolluting of our campus was bad during the elections this will be worse.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOD

How much of our money are you going to give to the *Martlet* even though the *Martlet* fee increase failed by a two to one margin? Where else are you going to spend this increase?

With an expected turnout of 5% every vote could make the difference. Take the time to send a clear message to the BOD and vote **NO FEE INCREASE!**

Watch for Polling Stations throughout campus

April 3 & 4 8:30 - 4:30
Remember to bring your Student card

Pollsitters Required for April 3 & 4

All intended Clubs and Course Unions please contact the Electoral Officer in the SUB Resource Centre

$5.50 per hour

SPORTS

Notes and Quotes from National B-Ball tourney

by Guy MacPherson

Here are some left over notes and quotes from players and coaches who attended the men's National basketball tournament held two weeks ago in Halifax.

Graduating Vikes forward Spencer McKay was named to the all-Canadian first all-star team.

Joining him were J.D. Jackson of UBC, John Steifelmeyer of Western Ontario, Nick Arvanidis of Concordia, and Tim Mau of Guelph. Jackson was the CIAU player of the year.

McKay thinks teammate Tom Johnson deserved a nomination.

"I think he sort of got screwed in the voting. But a lot of it is politics and you have to expect that from Canadian basketball.

"That's just something we have to learn to put up with because it's happened in the past and people don't like to give awards to Victoria players. That's the truth. It happens".

I think he sort of got screwed in the voting.

Johnson averaged 34 points at the tournament and shot 60 per cent from the floor. For his efforts, he was named to the tournament all-star team along with Peter VandeBovenkamp of the national champion Western Mustangs, Jackson of UBC, Ted Byrne of Acadia, and Mau of Guelph. Steifelmeyer was named the tournament MVP.

Johnson hit three long-range three-pointers to send the Vikes into overtime against Concordia.

Coach Guy Vetrie had this to say about TJ: "He likes to take those last-second shots. He seems to lift his game to another notch. If we could only get him to that level from opening tip-off, he could be quite a player."

For the UVic semi-final against Western, Viking guard Willis Parnell hung a flag of the Council of Haida Nations on the plexiglass behind the Viking bench. Parnell, a native from the Queen Charlotte Islands, said, "I did it because there aren't too many natives playing at this level. And I wanted the people back home in the Haida Gwaii (the Indian term for the Queen Charlottes meaning 'the islands of the people') to see it and be proud."

Parnell took a page out of Muhammed Ali's autobiography. After winning a gold medal in the Olympics, the then Cassius Clay threw the medal into the Ohio River in Louisville.

After losing in the national semi-finals, Parnell threw his basketball shoes into the Halifax Harbour. The Vikes game against Western marked the end for four graduating UVic players, David Lescheid, David McIntosh, Clint Hamilton and Spencer Mckay. McKay leaves as one of the few Viking greats who has never won a national championship. Hamilton was a member of the 1986 UVic championship team.

After eight years in Halifax, the tournament site will be up for bid this spring. The Nova Scotia capital will re-apply and will most likely keep the tournament.

They know how to run the affair, they do not demand that the host team be given an automatic bye, they draw fans, they turn a profit, and they feel it is their God-given right to host the tournament. UVic coach Guy Vetrie and UBC coach Bruce Enns feel there is enough talent in the country to warrant expanding the tournament from eight to 16 teams.

Enns would like to see the tournament played in southern Ontario, with the preliminary rounds being held at four different universities. The championship round would be held at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton. "I defy anyone to tell me that that wouldn't make money," said Enns.

The Acadia Axemen entered the nationals with the poorest record. They were 15-17 over-all and 10-10 in their conference.

In a pre-season game against Brock, the Axemen scored only two points after ten minutes and only 12 points at the half. They held Brock to 55 points but lost by 17.

After losing to Acadia at the tournament and then beating Brandon, Enns had this to say about the consolation side of the draw: "You gotta understand. Players don't want to play this game. And to be honest with you, I don't know whether any coaches want to play this game.

"I'm not happy about the fact that we've even got to play tomorrow. But this is part of the commitment that we have to make to come to this tournament."❑

Norsemen Soccer promoted to Island League first division

by David Mills

Men's soccer got a boost last weekend when UVic's second team, the Norsemen, clinched one of the two top spots in the Island league second division with a 1-0 victory over Gorge.

That victory ensures the team will move up to the highly competitive first division, which is widely regarded as one of the best leagues in Canada.

Sunday's win caps a very successful 18 game season which saw the Norsemen move from the bottom to one of the two top spots this year.

Primary credit for this year's performance goes to head coach Mick Goodger, who along with National Coaching Institute protegee Andy Cameron, melded a mixture of veterans and newcomers into a cohesive, effective team.

Backed by a rock solid defence that boasted the league's lowest goals against, the Norsemen went 11-3-4.

Veteran fullback Curtis Mundstock said Sunday's game epitomized the teams adaptability and work ethic. After Ned Easton Jr. fired in a quick goal capitalizing on UVic's fast start, things were made interesting when sweeper Brad Wright and a Gorge player were ejected for fighting.

The remaining three defenders and goalkeeper Marcello Dudka preserved the shutout while strikers Chris Ahern and Mike Baron, supported by the outside midfield, continued to press the Gorge Defence.

Central midfield support and coordination kept the ball in Gorge's end for most of the game which prevented Mick Goodger, who insisted that " it's all about making the right decisions," from having a heart attack on the sidelines.

The team, building on this season's achievements, looks forward to making a respectable showing next year in Div. 1.❑

In the scrum — UVic ruggers lost a couple of close games last weekend. see story page 18.

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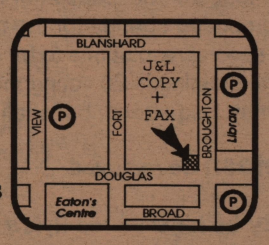

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GENERAL MEETING
April 10, 1991 12:30 Cinecenta

Just some of the exciting business on the agenda:

- 1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors
- 2. Presentation of Financial Statements
- 3. Presentation of Audit
- 4. Constitutional Amendments.
- 5. And more !!!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

ALL MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND !!!!

CLUBS CALENDAR

UVIC SCUBA CLUB Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, Sun. March 31. Check in time 10 a.m. at Telegraph Cove. Prizes include a dry suit, regulators, masks and more. Entry fee $5, pre-registration at Frank White's Scuba Shop recommended. All certified divers welcome.

PRIMAL DRUM AND DANCE CLUB - Ray Rothschild is pleased to announce these upcoming events: April 16, Rhythm Spirit in the SUB Upper. 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. $6/$5. Minors welcome. Same deal for May 10 and 31. May 11 and June 1, a drum workshop with Ray and Kwasi. 1 - 3 p.m. For cost and info, call 721-4939 or 385-6141.

UVIC ANTI-WAR COALITION Anti-war coalitions are forming throughout North America and the UVic coalition meets every Wednesday in the Cinecenta at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AIESEC MEETINGS - Every Friday until April 5 inclusive. 2:30 p.m. in Clearihue C108. All AIESEC members welcome.

POW - Peace Organization of Women meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in Clearihue A206. All welcome.

UVIC CIRCLE K CLUB - Are you interested in performing community service, doing volunteer work or helping others? You can do all this while having too much fun with some really great people. Meetings every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Cornett B335. Info: 384-8297.

ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING JOURNALISTS, POETS AND ECO-SAPIENS the Essence (newsletter of the Environmental Studies Students Association) is welcoming all contributions pertaining to environmental issues and awareness. Clearihue B431, or call 721- 7355.

THE IMAGINATIVE FICTION SOCIETY Every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. we meet in Clearihue B215 to read original works, create Round Robins, read published works, carry on and plan our fun- filled social events. For more information, attend one of our amazing mind-expanding meetings. See you there!

SIERRA CLUB Tropical Rainforest Committee. Children with leukemia are alive today because of an antidote found in a rainforest. Yet, the rainforests are destroyed. Do something now, call 385-5936.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION Weekly general meetings, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Cornett B107.

STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRACY 2 hold a weekly meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday in the SUB Upper Lounge to discuss projects. The world has a need for people to start talking.

UVIC PCs - meet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Clearihue B315. Call 386-4149 or 727-0810 for more info.

UVIC YOUNG SOCREDS meet every Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Clearihue C316. For more info contact 727-0810.

WANT TO AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS? Be the life of the party? Just join the UVic Juggling Club. No experience necessary. Two left hands? Well, we can teach anybody how to juggle. Equipment and instruction provided. Also, advanced tricks: "devil sticks" and the "diablo". Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the apparatus gym. Call 361-3766 for information.

KARATE Experience rigorous traditional Japanese training with the UVic Wado-Kai Karate club (beginners welcome)! We meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11 p.m. in the McKinnon apparatus room. For more information, phone Kraig at 721-3387 or Brendan at 479-2629.

WTF-TAE KWON DO CLUB New to UVic. Open to all students. Come learn the ancient Korean martial art. Get fit, feel confident, and study self-defense. Every Mon. 9:30 - 11 p.m. in the Dance Studio, McKinnon Gym.

THE FENCING CLUB meets Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. in the McKinnon Dance Studio. Membership is $25 per semester. All levels of fencers are welcome - from absolute beginners to veteran competitors. All equipment provided, but bring runners, sweat pants and a change of t-shirt.

VIPIRG Get involved in the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group! Committee times:Recycling, Friday 2:30 p.m. Cle C124; Transport, Friday 2:30 p.m. SUB Upper; Sexual Harassment Tues. 12:30 p.m. Cinecenta. Info, SUB 144.

WANT TO DO SOMETHING to improve telereg? overcrowding? international student concerns? Well then ... why not join the UVSS Students' Issues Action Committe? SUB 137A, Fridays at 1:30 p.m., or call Elizabeth at 721-8369.

MEN AGAINST RAPE will be meeting Friday 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Resource Centre.

LAMBDA CLUB COFFEEHOUSE for gays, lesbians and their friends meets Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. Cornett B344 (or when possible, Cle C305). For more information phone 595-5455 (Scott or Dorothy) or 361-4900 (Island Gay Society).Everyone welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE wants to hear your concerns. Make a difference. For information, call 721-0666.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES STUDENTS ASSOCIATION holds weekly meetings on assorted projects, ideas, and synergistic foci. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. in Cornett B107.

UVIC JIVE AND BALLROOM DANCE CLUB meets Sundays 6:30 - 10 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. If you're serious about having fun - don't miss it! Jive, Cha-cha, Tango, Waltz, and more. No partner or experience needed!

KAYAK CLUB Meetings and pool sessions in McKinnon pool, Fridays, 8:30 - 10 p.m. Call 721-3987 for information. Come one, come all.

SCUBA DIVERS the UVic Scuba Club meets every Monday, 12:30 p.m. in Elliott 161. Speakers, courses, charters, trips, and discounts. All certified divers welcome. Check out our SCUBA bulletin outside Cunningham 146.

ADVENTUROUS? OUTGOING? Come join in the fun with the UVic Outdoors Club. Help plan Easter Break trips: camping, climbing, skiing, mtn biking and more. Meetings Weds. 5:30 p.m. in Elliot 062. Info, Jono 477-3364.

MATURE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is working to articulate mature student concerns. Phone Russ Williams, UVSS vp services, at 721- 8369.

FRIDAY MUSLIM PRAYER Salat-ul-juma is held from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the UVic Interfaith Chapel. Info: 658-4320 or 381- 6868.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP on Fridays 5:30 p.m. in Clearihue D134. Scripture studies and outdoor activities. Interested? Please phone Simon (721-5253) or Pat (385-8483) for latest events.

UVIC REC CHOIR meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in MacLaurin A166. All singing voices welcome! NO auditions req'd.

SRI CHIMNOY MEDITATION GROUP is meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 3:30 p.m. in Clearihue B446. If you're interested in meditation and the philosophy of spiritual teacher Sri Chimnoy, please join us. Beginners welcome! For more information phone Claudia at 598-2085.

CLUB PROFILES Are you a part of one of the many fabulous clubs here at UVic? Tell us all about it in a nice, concise, TYPED article, and give us some groovin' black n' white photos. Profiles run on availability of space.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS to Clubs Calendar is Monday noon. Items will run continuously until further notice, free of charge. The *Martlet* ad boycott policy applies to Clubs Calendar and items are subject to editing for length and content. Inquire at the Martlet office, SUB 109, or mail submissions to *The Martlet*, Student Union Building, Box 3035, Victoria B.C. V8W 3P3.❑

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

THE *MARTLET* PUBLISHING SOCIETY

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

3:30 P.M. CINECENTA

AGENDA

The following amendments to the constitution of the *Martlet* Publishing Society are proposed:

Motion 1 - Be it Resolved That:

Bylaw Three, section 7 be amended to read: "Voting members from the spring semester maintain voting rights for the summer semester."

BIFRT - the words "staff" be changed to "voting member" for the remainder of this document.

BIFRT - Bylaw Four, section 6 be amended to: "Advertising for the co-editor teams shall appear in the last issue in February and run for three consecutive weeks. All advertisements shall contain salary and duration for the position."

BIFRT - Bylaw Four, section 7 be removed.

BIFRT - Bylaw Five, section 2 be amended to: "The voting members may then vote to initiate a Special General Meeting in accordance with BYLAW FOURTEEN: Article 6 of this constitution."

The Bylaw Six, section 9 be amended to: "The term of office for the Society's Board of Directors is March to April of the next year inclusive for those elected in March and October to March for those elected in October."

Bylaw Seven, section 6 be amended to: "Officers may be recalled by special resolution of the Board, or by a majority vote by voting members at a general meeting."

Bylaw Eight be amended to:
"1. Membership fees shall be comprised of a basic fee supporting the publishing operations of the Society.
2. The Society's fees shall be collected on its behalf by the UVSS.
3. Membership fees for those non-students who wish to join the Society shall be collected by the Board of Directors. This fee will be the same as the amount paid by full-time students."

Bylaw Thirteen, be amended to:
"2. In the event of a direct fee levy for the Society, or a majority vote by the voting members at a general meeting:
a) Signing officers of the Society shall be
i. each of the co-editors
ii. the treasurer of the Society.
b) The signatures of any three of these people shall be required for the execution of any legal documents or the disbursement of any funds on behalf of the Society.
c) The auditors of the Society shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
d) The auditors of the Society shall have the right to examine any books, records and accounts of the Society, and the right to request from any and all members of the Society any information and explanation required for the due performance of their duties.
3. No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a special resolution."

Bylaw Fourteen be amended to:
"1. General Meetings are the highest authority within the Society.
2. Referenda
a) At any time between September and April, the Society may request the UVSS to call a referendum on Society fees by:
i. a majority vote at a quorate general meeting
ii. as otherwise required by the Society's Act of British Columbia.
7. Notice for General Meetings
a) The Society's Board of Directors shall give not less than 14 days notice of a general meeting.
c)This notice must include:
i. the time, date and location of the meeting,
ii. the proposed agenda for the meeting,
iii. any special resolutions to be considered by the meeting.
9. b) Quorum for a general meeting is 20 voting members. Members of the Society who are not voting members may also attend, but shall not vote on motions."

BIFRT - Bylaw Nineteen be removed.

BIFRT Bylaw Twenty be renumbered Bylaw 19, Bylaw 21 be renumbered Bylaw 20 and Bylaw 22 be renumbered Bylaw 21.

BILLBOARD

THURSDAY 28

—Music—

KORALEE AND THE NOAH BECKER QUARTET grace the intimate space of Pagliacci's where Koralee belts out her hot tunes tonight. Friday and Saturday performances at the George and Dragon Pub (Fernwood).

—Community—

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS are needed. This volunteer information night goes from 7 - 9 p.m. at 103-3347 Oak St. Please pre-register as space is limited. 383-1191.

—Seminar—

"THE MOLECULAR BIOLOGY of Neuropeptides in the Salmon Brain." Yet more information about these loveable fish. A lecture by Ms. Imogen Coe at 2:30 p.m. in Cunningham 146.

FRIDAY 29

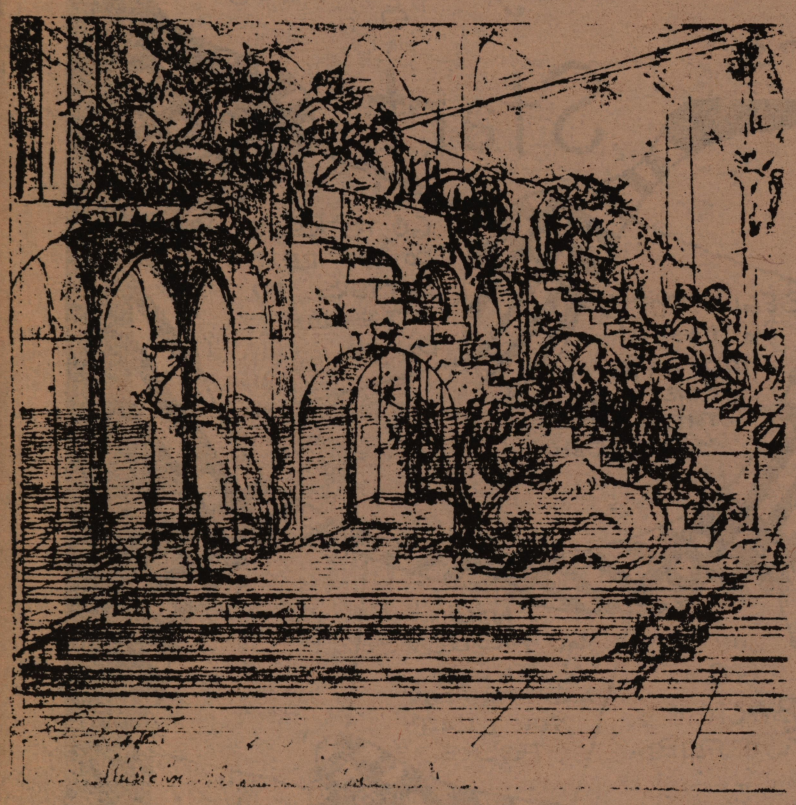
—Community—

ANCIENT FOREST COFFEEHOUSE - Music, speakers and dancing from 7 - 11 p.m. at 1923 Fernwood. Supported by the Friends of Carmanah/Walbran. All ages, $4/3. Bring your own mug.

SUNDAY 31

—Movies—

FOR KIDS - this week it really is *The Bear*, told from the animal's point of view. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. A special price for youngn's.



MONDAY 1

—Art—

IMPOSTOR - A multi-media installation by Margot Seaman. In the A. Wilfrid Johns Gallery (MacLaurin), 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 - 5 p.m. Continues until April 6.

TUESDAY 2

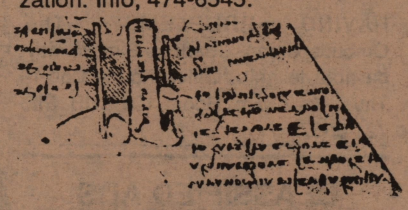
—Music—

JAZHEDZ winds up the Tuesday night jazz sessions with a special appearance by guitarist Pat Coleman. Hot mid-century bop, 8:30 p.m. - midnight. No cover.

—Community—

TRUTH IN ADOPTION - A meeting for adult adoptees, birth relatives and adoptive parents seeking reunions. 7 p.m. in the Native Friendship Centre, 533 Yates. Everyone welcome. Info, 598-9887.

CANADIAN CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL is having an information meeting at 7 p.m. for people 19 and older interested in volunteering in a developing coutry in 1992. At the YM/YWCA, Room A, 880 Courtenay St. A non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization. Info, 474-6545.



WEDNESDAY 3

—Music—

ELLEN McILWAINE AND HER TRIO - This legendary slide guitarist has been compared to the likes of Jimi Hendrix. Don't miss the hard-driving dance fun at Felicita's, 9 p.m. - midnight. Continues tomorrow and Fri. $3 cover.

—Upcoming—

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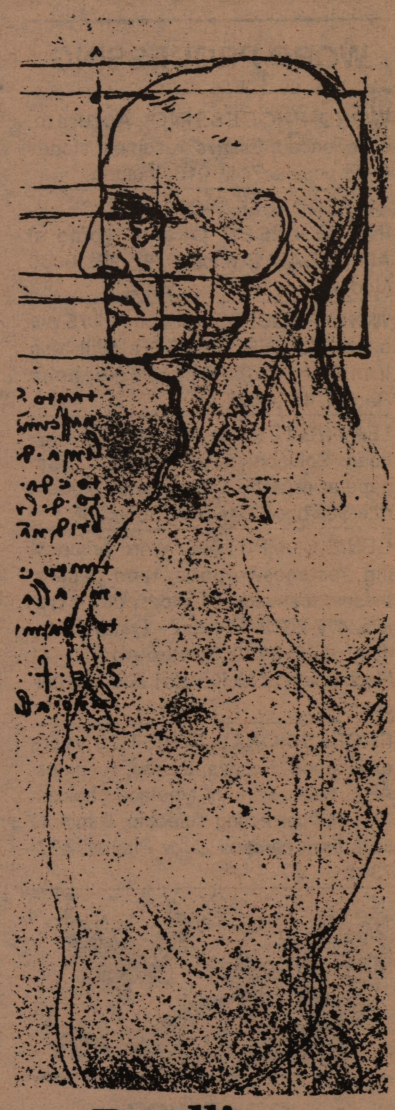

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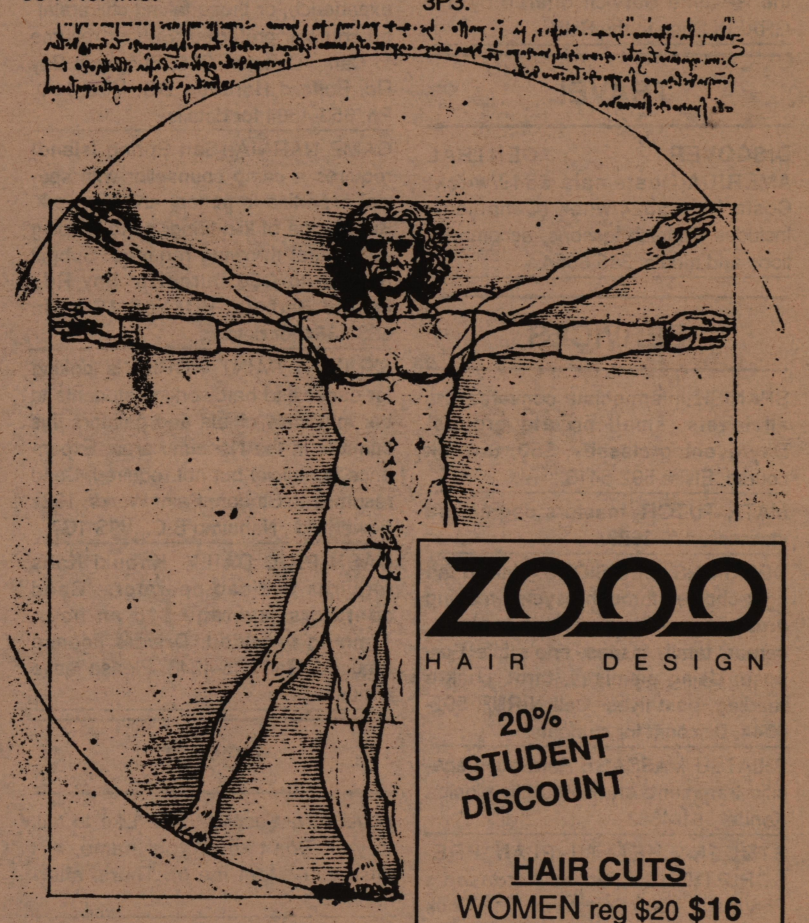

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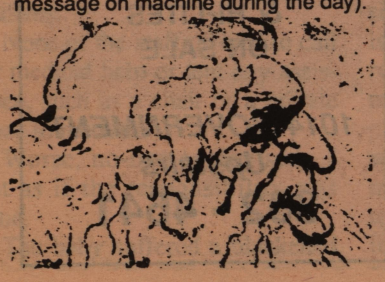

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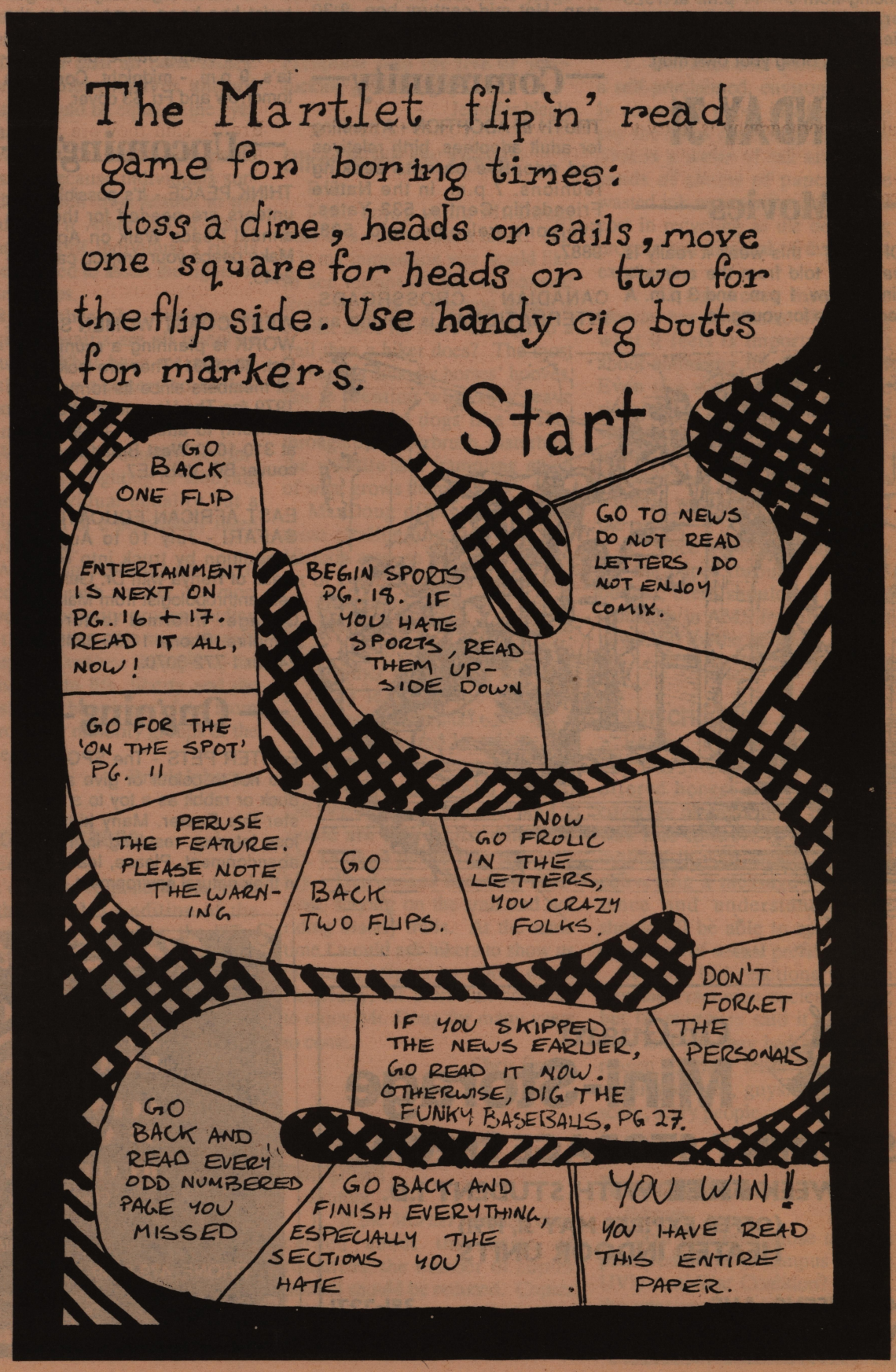
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NATIONAL NEWS

Women split over *Psycho*

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) — Many critics panned *American Psycho* and wished the book would disappear off the face of the planet, but women's groups are split on whether the book should be kept off Canadian bookstore shelves.

Anti-porn and anti-censorship groups are taking opposing sides on Canada Customs witholding of Bret Easton Ellis' book about a New York serial killer who tortures and dismembers his victims, most of whom are women.

The book, now being held at the border, is drawing attention to the debate over whether porn censorship has a place in the fight against violence against women.

Some feminists are hailing the book's temporary banning as a small victory. But others are questioning the real worth of stopping its distribution.

Most women's groups have been in favor of some form of censorship or regulation of pornographic material, said Montreal feminist activist Paula Sypnowich.

But feminists are increasingly taking a broader look at the issue and seeing that banning pornographic material at the Canadian border serves no other cause other than blatant censorship, she said.

"It's an old feminist way of looking at things that the way to deal with pornography is to try to get it out of the way," Sypnowich said. "They think that if it's not there it won't exist.

Many feminists are beginning to see arbitrary censorship by Canada Custom's officials can harm women more than help them, she said.

"Violent pornography is going to continue to be produced whether Canada Customs bans it or not," she said.

"It bothers me that because of some arbitrary decision on the part of customs officials, I'm not going to have access to some people's minds and how they perceive women."

Although Charlene Nero of the Concordia Women's Collective doesn't like the thought of one more piece of misogynist literature making its way into the Canadian reading market, she does not believe the book should be banned.

"Banning books won't stop misogyny or violence against women," Nero said.

"Fighting misogyny has to happen through education and asking deeper questions — such as why is the writer compelled to write this kind of material, and why is there a market out there for buying this kind of stuff.

"I don't think we should let Canada Customs be our surrogate soldiers in the battle against violent pornography. It's too easy."

Nero also doubts whether women should join forces with Canada Customs officials who have a long history of banning material such as lesbian and gay literature and safe-sex material coming in from the U.S.

"Canada Customs represents the will of the 'moral majority,'" Nero said. "And if we follow their rules when it comes to banning pornography, then you can be sure they're going to use those same rules indiscriminately on anything else they want."

But hardline anti-porn feminists are adamant that some kind of control has to be imposed on the porn industry in addition to promoting more enlightened education about human sexuality.

"We're constantly hearing reports from battered women's homes that some men force their wives or girlfriends to submit to some of the violent and degrading acts that they see in porn magazines and films," said Ginette Busque, vice-president of Conseil consultatif sur la situation de la femme.

"Of course banning pornography will limit the right to the porn industry's freedom of expression. But I think there has to be some kind of limit on their rights to protect the integrity of these women."

Mona Forrest, executive director of Montreal's Women's Centre, said she looks at violence against women in literature and magazines as a human rights issue more than one of pornography.

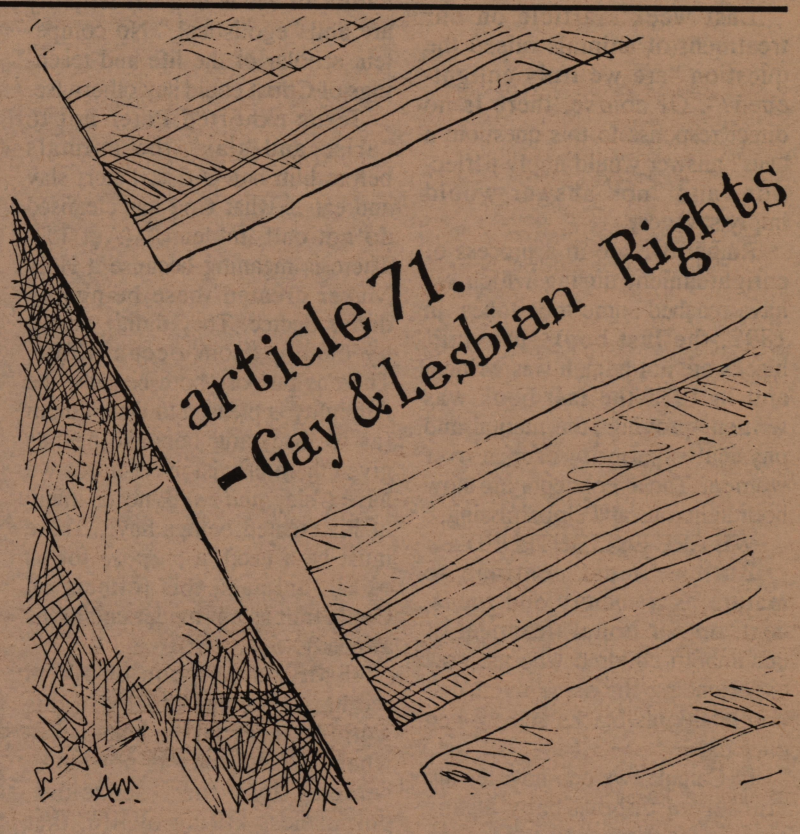
"It's hate literature," Forrest said.

"If any other identifiable cultural group were targeted with this kind of violence in books, magazines, or films, there would be court challenges, and a huge uproar. But because it's women who are the object of all this hatred and violence, no one cares."

But some members of McGill's Women's Union have opted to "strike a balance" between the anti-porn and anti-censorship groups, said Corellin Brooks, a member of McGill's Women's Union.

Brooks said they are against Canada Customs banning the book, but are nonetheless going to draw up a letter asking that book stores not display the book or stock it in their shelves.

"I think the public has a right to make up its own mind, but there shouldn't be any sensationalizing about the book with garish displays in book stores." ❑



Sexual orientation a right, says M.P.

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) —Gay and lesbian rights activists want sexual orientation clauses included in all provincial human rights codes.

Federal MP Svend Robinson joined St. John's gay and lesbian group March 17 calling for the inclusion of such a clause in Newfoundland's human rights code.

"Many people don't understand that it is legal in Newfoundland today to fire someone from their job, to throw them out of their homes, to deny them access to goods and services, solely because they happen to be lesbian or gay," Robinson said.

The clause would prevent discrimination of lesbians, gays and bisexuals, based on their sexual preference.

Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon Territory currently have the sexual orientation clause in their human rights codes.

Brenda Ponnic of Gays and Lesbians Together said Newfoundland Justice Minister Paul Dick told CBC's "On The Go" that he was not certain a sexual orientation clause was necessary.

Dick also said he had not had any specific examples cited to him of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"At GALT we have had a preliminary survey of only one month.

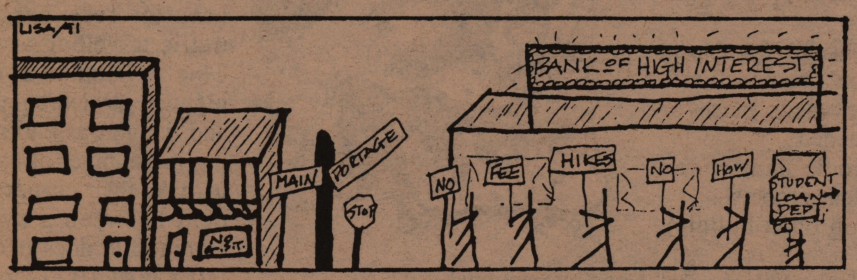
"We had 97 responses, and in that, we discovered that 87 per cent of our respondents experienced some form of anti-gay or anti-lesbian discrimination," said Ponnic.

Robinson denied that lesbians, gay men and bisexuals were looking for any special rights, and called the campaign a "campaign for equality."

He also talked about the lack of openly-gay political representatives, and the reasons for it.

Robinson said he, as the only openly-gay M.P. in Canada, belonged to an "elite club."

Robinson said there are only four openly gay-national politicians in the world and there are no openly-lesbian politicians. ❑



1,500 Winnipeg students storm legislature during high tuition hike protest

WINNIPEG (CUP) — They couldn't get into the provincial legislature, so 1,500 Manitoba students flooded into Winnipeg's busiest intersection March 20 to protest expected 20 per cent tuition fee hikes.

The march began as a rally at the provincial legislature, but students soon discovered Premier Gary Filmon would not address the crowd.

Security refused to allow the students, representing all of Manitoba's post secondary institutions, into the building.

In response to the government's refusal to address the crowd, students decided to block the streets, chanting "More money, now!" and "Gary's fault."

Kyle Briggs, president of the University of Winnipeg's student council said that during the protest the NDP raised a point of order in the legislature to allow the students in.

But, Briggs said, the premier responded with inaction and lies.

"Filmon said the government here pays 87 per cent of the cost of universities in this province. That's a lie, that's just the national average," Briggs said.

"Our province, U of W in particular, is the worst off in the country. We pay 26 per cent, through tuition fees, of the overall budget of the university."

Briggs said without an increase in funding from the province, students in Manitoba will have to pay between 15 and 20 per cent increases in fees to maintain last year's level of services.

NDP leader Gary Doer addressed the crowd after attempting to get the doors of the building opened to students.

"This tremendous showing of solidarity for education today should send a loud and clear message to all of us, to all people of all political stripes," Doer said.

"Education is an investment and you can't have a situation where tuition fees go up 15 per cent."

University of Manitoba student council president Adam Dicarlo said the U of M is "well on its way to becoming the elitist institution it is so often accused of being."

"Once again staff, services, and classes will be cut. The U of M exists to serve the needs of the people who work there," Dicarlo said.

"When there are cuts to be made, they are made into programs and untenured profs, not middle management paper shufflers and pencil pushers, and it's the students who lose out."

Liberal leader Sharon Carstairs, in her speech to the crowd, pointed out Manitoba ranks last out of all the provinces for sending its young people on to post-secondary education. ❑

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Abortions are savage

Editors:

Last week's article on our treatment of animals raised the question "are we truly enlightened?". Of course, there is no direct response to this question: a "yes" answer would imply perfection, and "no" answer would imply savagery.

Rather, we are in a process of enlightenment during which we have reached some milestones. In 1892, the last book 'proving' blacks are not human was written, and in 1931 the last book was written 'proving' the mental and physical superiority of men over women. These concepts are now both ludicrous and embarrassing,

WE ARE ENLIGHTENED ....

But, we must continue to mature as a society and focus, next; on our brutal treatment of our unborn children who are now experiencing the same overt discrimination as blacks and women once did.

In Canada, we can now legally murder an unborn baby at any point in the pregnancy and for any reason. In 1990 one in every four unborn babies were murdered. 95 per cent of abortions are performed between 10 and 13 weeks, the average baby feels pain at six weeks,

WE ARE SAVAGES ....

Paul Lacerte

Eat all animals

Editors:

I think if whales and dolphins were really as intelligent as Gary Greenspoon indicates (i.e. almost as intelligent as humans), then, according to his logic, they would not eat fish, plankton and other sea life; he seems to say intelligence will lead us, as Buddhists are led, into vegetarianism. Clearly the animal kingdom is not as intelligent as he would like us to think.

He further states the Christian view of animals and other mammals ("intelligent life" is his reference) is "egotistical." I would refer him to the New Testament which will reveal that the whole nature of Jesus and Christianity are anti "egotistical." No competent scholar of the life and teachings of Christ could say otherwise.

Jesus exhorted Peter not to "arise and slay" the animals before him but "Arise, Peter; slay and eat ... what God has cleansed do not call unclean." (Act 11). There is meaning because a Holy Maker created these beings by divine decree. They didn't evolve by chance from ocean slime. There is purpose both because the Almighty is pleased to watch them (as we are) and because he has given them provision for needs we have ("slay *and eat*"), needs many of his created beings have. There must be a need, a *purpose* for us to kill animals; this reflects on God's trait as a provider and on us as needy.

If Mr. Greenspoon or others see harshness and cruelty in this world let them put the blame elsewhere. Christianity is not represented by the senseless, purposeless killing of life; that comes from the one who wishes to see all God's creation annihilated, or at least used to his own twisted ends.

Barry Taylor

Slagging draws response

Editors:

Hi, I'm Garth. Some of my "antics" got slagged in last week's *Martlet*. Letters referred to an anti-war letter I wrote and the Imperial(ist) Oil lecture a group of us interrupted. People accused me of many crimes in their letters

1. Use of "profanity" — Fuck that!

2. "Hatred/contempt" — Guilty as charged, I do have contempt for Bush, Thatcher, Mulroney, Mitterand, etc.

3. Use of "anti-American rhetoric" — I don't like the American state, but the people are oppressed like the rest of us.

4. "simplifying" issues (re: Anti-War letter in the *Martlet*) — Think! How complex can an argument be in 200 words.

5. Paul accused me of thinking I have a "monopoly on the truth" — Is writing a letter to a student paper claiming some exclusive knowledge — just because someone gets off his/her ass and says something makes them monopolistic.

6. Ah, yes, Gail, did we "embarrass" someone by chanting NO BLOOD FOR OIL at the Imperial(ist) Oil lecture? Were we "rude"? Where were my manners? As thousands bought the farm in Baghdad for western oil profits I SHOULD have been thinking of courtesy. Sorry.

7. And yes, Gail our disruptive group was invited to stay for the question/answer segment after the lecture — but security called the cops. Getting busted is no fun, and not worth sticking around for a little chat.

Gail's letter concludes I "must learn to speak intelligently to those who have the power to make a difference in the world" Sorry, I don't play that game, I don't want to spend 40 years climbing up inside the system so I can whisper in the ear of some liberal. I already speak to those who have the power we just haven't laid claim to it yet.

Garth Mullins

Crimes committed

Editors:

Traffic & Security are responsible for protecting UVic property and providing a safe environment for the campus community to live and work.

Every year a number of crimes are reported to T & S. The majority of property crimes are preventable.

In the past year there were: 50 wallets or purses stolen; 43 bicycles stolen; 53 thefts of UVic property and 64 of private property; 14 thefts from lockers; 72 cases of vandalism to UVic property and 37 to private property; and one sexual assault was reported in May.

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Ken Morrison
Assistant Manager — Security
UVic Traffic & Security

Condemnation draws response

Editors:

We are responding to letters in the *Martlet* which singled out and condemned members of the anti-war movement.

We find it incredible individuals with the integrity to stand up and speak out against the war receive more criticism than George Bush or Brian Mulroney who can be held directly responsible for the deaths of thousands of people.

Garth Mullins' actions were matched by others on the campus

and internationally.

Paul Langevine suggested Mullins feels he has a "monopoly on the truth." In fact Mullins, along with thousands of anti-war activists around the world, are engaged in an effort to present the truth about the Gulf war.

Wade Jenson states the people of Canada and the United States stand "solidly behind their respected leaders and the policies those leaders employed through the Gulf crisis." If this were true, why did the U.S. take such extreme measures to "persuade" people of the "rightness" of this war.

Tactics included emotional manipulation — visions of a new Hitler, exaggerated estimations of the strength of the Iraqi army to justify the extreme "collateral damage" inflicted, and the suppression of information.

Thousands of people saw through the cheap images used by the U.S. and its allies to sell war for oil, just as many UVic students see through Jenson's cheap tactics.

In the upcoming months, perhaps we will discover how many hundreds of thousands of Arab people lost their lives. George Bush and Brian Mulroney have blood on their hands, and may forget, the middle east will not.

Alix Hotsenpiller
Pam Frache
International Socialists

Society name defined

Editors:

The name "Praetorian" refers to an ancient body of Roman magistrates whose purpose it was to oversee justice. In this tradition, the Praetorian Society stands for the following:

1. Traditional Christian principles.

2. The God-given right to life as the basis of all other rights, including the right to private property.

3. The rights of the individual which must come before the will of the state.

4. Unalterable opposition to fascism, socialism, communism and all other forms of collective domination of the individual.

5. The unfettered free market system as the only efficient economic model for allocating resources. We believe any other system is unjust.

Any attempts to distort the objectives of the Praetorian Society (eg. labeling the Society as hate-mongers or fascists) only services to showcase the ignorance of our critics.

The Praetorian Society
Kevin Boonstra
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Simon Gunn
James Kwantes
Steve Wellburn

Cyclists should speak out

Editors:

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways unveiled their expansion plans for the Pat Bay Highway/Mackenzie Avenue interchange last Wednesday. Though the project will cost millions of dollars, no consideration was given to cyclists who use this route.

Traffic speeds will be increased to 80-90 km/h, meaning the average speed of automobiles will be closer to 110 km/h. Cyclists will have to cross merging lanes of traffic travelling at these speeds. This will make cycling on the highway an extremely unpleasant and dangerous endeavour, reducing the number of cyclists willing to "take their chances." If an accident between a cyclist and an automobile does occur, the Ministry will likely move to ban cycling from the highway altogether.

The Ministry believes cyclists are an insignificant minority of road users who merely impede the efficiency and flow of automobile traffic. While bicycling is being marginalized in Victoria, it is a critical form of transportation for students, 20 per cent of whom cycle to university most of the time. If you want cycling in Victoria to be improved, not degraded, write to:

Rita Johnson
Ministry of Transportation and Highways,
Room 301,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.
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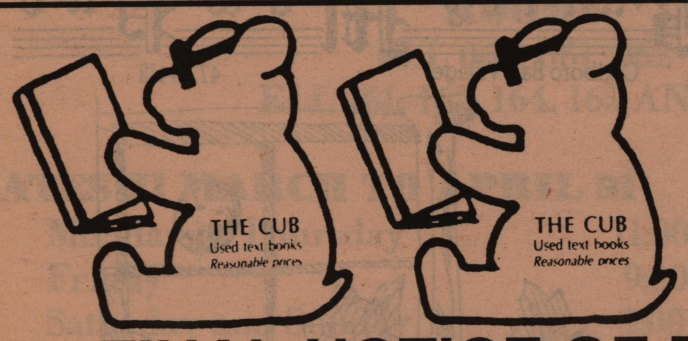
Demand safe, convenient bicycle access be added immediately to the highway plants. Only that message, short and sweet, will have any effect. Show students care about cycling in Victoria!

Gavin McPhail
VIPIRG Transportation Committee



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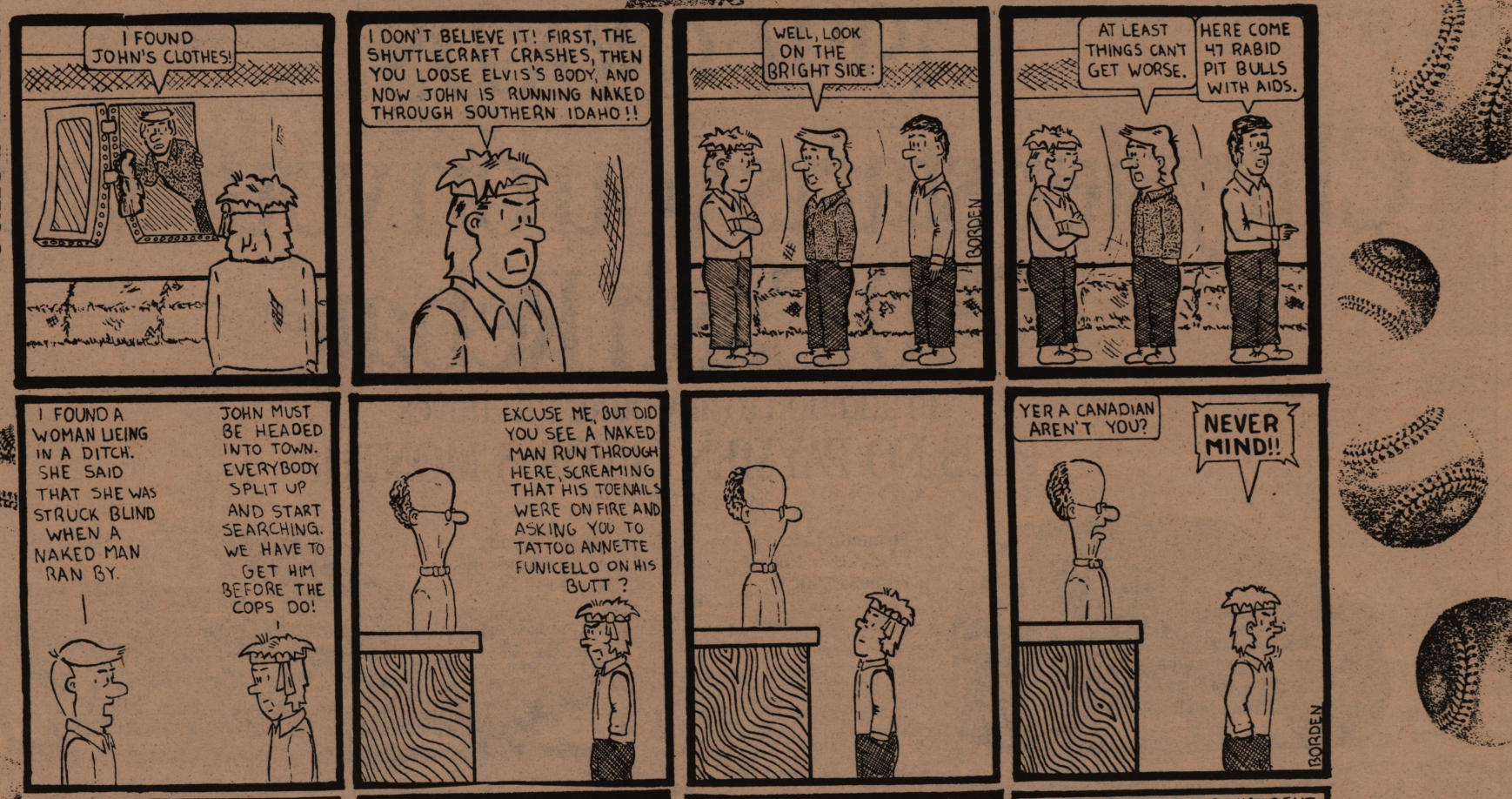
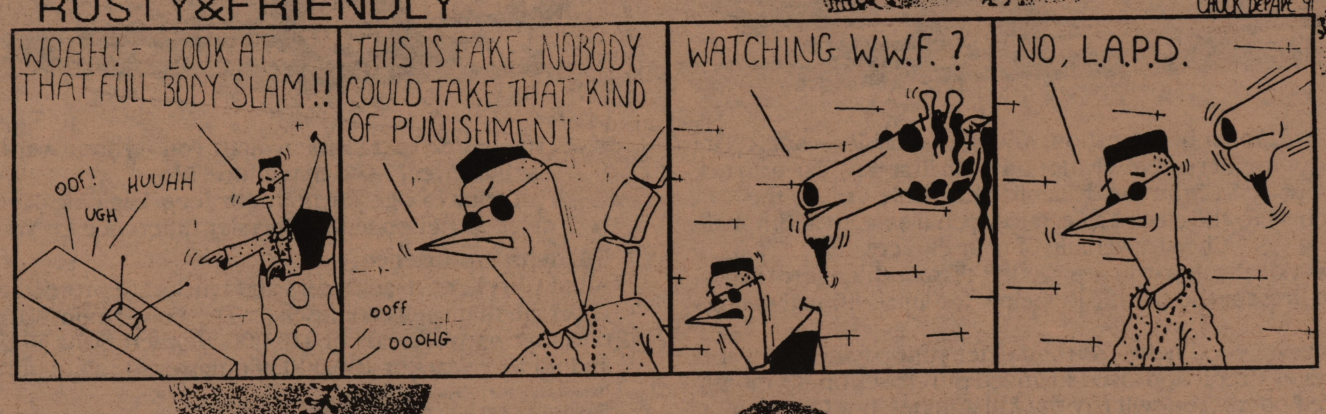
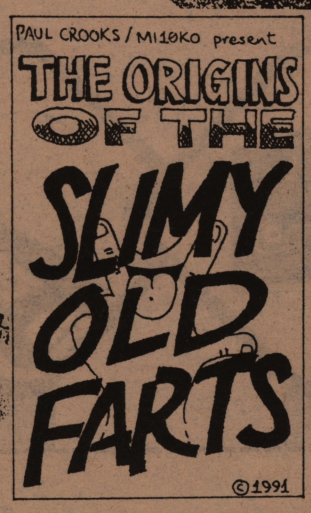
COMIX

Jake's Place

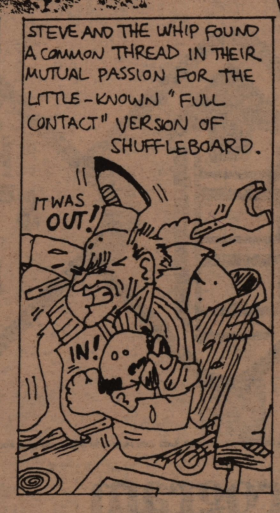

I FOUND JOHN'S CLOTHES!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! FIRST, THE SHUTTLECRAFT CRASHES, THEN YOU LOOSE ELVIS'S BODY, AND NOW JOHN IS RUNNING NAKED THROUGH SOUTHERN IDAHO!!
WELL, LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE:
BORDEN
AT LEAST THINGS CAN'T GET WORSE.
HERE COME 47 RABID PIT BULLS WITH AIDS.
I FOUND A WOMAN LYING IN A DITCH. SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS STRUCK BLIND WHEN A NAKED MAN RAN BY.
JOHN MUST BE HEADED INTO TOWN. EVERYBODY SPLIT UP AND START SEARCHING. WE HAVE TO GET HIM BEFORE THE COPS DO!
EXCUSE ME, BUT DID YOU SEE A NAKED MAN RUN THROUGH HERE, SCREAMING THAT HIS TOENAILS WERE ON FIRE AND ASKING YOU TO TATTOO ANNETTE FUNICELLO ON HIS BUTT?
YER A CANADIAN AREN'T YOU?
NEVER MIND!!
BORDEN
JOHN WAS EVENTUALLY LOCATED AND DRAGGED FROM THE BOWELS OF "GUIDO'S TATTOOS AND PARTS PIERCING EMPORIUM."
ALAS, THE DAMAGE WAS DONE. A TINY BUT ANATOMICALLY CORRECT PICTURE OF ANNETTE FUNICELLO NOW ADORNED JOHN'S BUTT.
JOHN, WHO WAS STILL PSYCHOTIC FROM THE ALIEN HAIR TONIC, WAS THEN BOLTED DOWN IN THE BACK OF A HOT-WIRED PICK-UP.
THE SEARCH FOR ELVIS'S BODY WAS RESUMED, BUT PROVED FRUITLESS. SO, JAKE'S JACKHAMMERS HIT THE ROAD FOR CANADA.
AFTER DRIVING FOR SEVERAL HOURS THEY STOPPED FOR THE NIGHT AND POOLED THEIR MONEY. ($5.37)
AFTER A QUICK MEAL AT MC.D'S THEY CHECKED INTO A MOTEL WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.
WELL, ONE FURTHER INCIDENT.
FIVE OF YOU ARE STAYING IN ONE ROOM?
NO, SIX. WE'VE GOT ELVIS'S BRAIN.
BORDEN

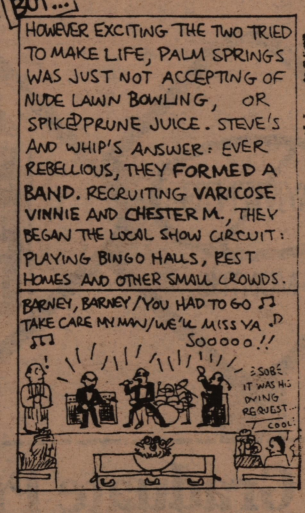
RUSTY&FRIENDLY

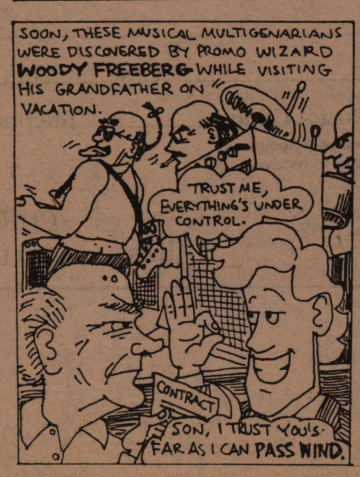


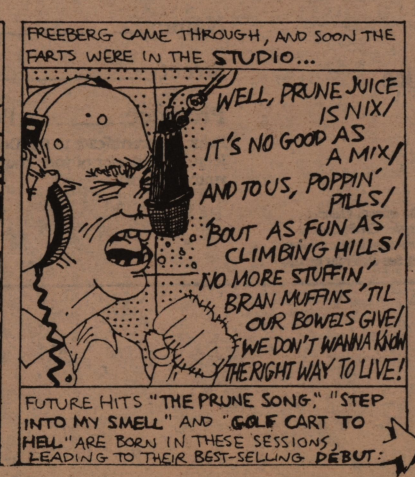


PALM SPRINGS. SENIORS' PARADISE. IN THIS LAND OF PERMANENT SUNSHINE, CUSTOMIZED GOLF CARTS AND KHAKI, BAND FOUNDERS THE WHIP AND STATUTORY STEVE ARRIVED... INTENT: RAISE SOME HECK!!
ZING!
NICE SHOT, DEAR
OOF
BLAM!
433 YDS PAR 4


STEVE AND THE WHIP FOUND A COMMON THREAD IN THEIR MUTUAL PASSION FOR THE LITTLE-KNOWN "FULL CONTACT" VERSION OF SHUFFLEBOARD.
IT WAS OUT!
IN!


BUT...
HOWEVER EXCITING THE TWO TRIED TO MAKE LIFE, PALM SPRINGS WAS JUST NOT ACCEPTING OF NUDE LAWN BOWLING, OR SPIKED PRUNE JUICE. STEVE'S AND WHIP'S ANSWER: EVER REBELLIOUS, THEY FORMED A BAND. RECRUITING VARICOSE VINNIE AND CHESTER M., THEY BEGAN THE LOCAL SHOW CIRCUIT: PLAYING BINGO HALLS, REST HOMES AND OTHER SMALL CROWDS.
BARNEY, BARNEY / YOU HAD TO GO ♫ TAKE CARE MY MAN / WE'LL MISS YA ♪ SOOOOO!!
SOBE IT WAS HIS DYING REQUEST.
COOL.


SOON, THESE MUSICAL MULTIGENARIANS WERE DISCOVERED BY PROMO WIZARD WOODY FREEBERG WHILE VISITING HIS GRANDFATHER ON VACATION.
TRUST ME, EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL.
CONTRACT
SON, I TRUST YOU'LL FAR AS I CAN PASS WIND.


FREEBERG CAME THROUGH, AND SOON THE FARTS WERE IN THE STUDIO...
WELL, PRUNE JUICE IS NIX/
IT'S NO GOOD AS A MIX/
AND TO US, POPPIN' PILLS/
'BOUT AS FUN AS CLIMBING HILLS/
NO MORE STUFFIN' 'TIL BRAN MUFFINS 'TIL OUR BOWELS GIVE/
WE DON'T WANNA KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO LIVE!
FUTURE HITS "THE PRUNE SONG," "STEP INTO MY SMELL" AND "GOLF CART TO HELL" ARE BORN IN THESE SESSIONS, LEADING TO THEIR BEST-SELLING DEBUT:

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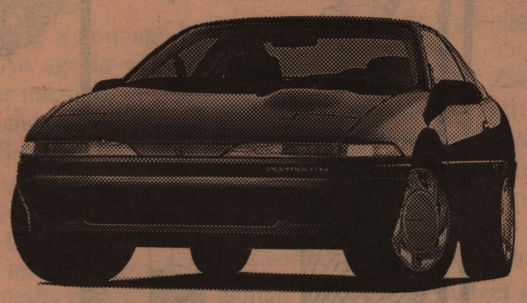

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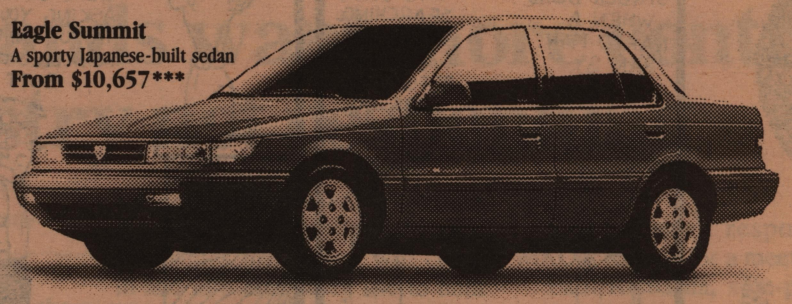
From $13,000***



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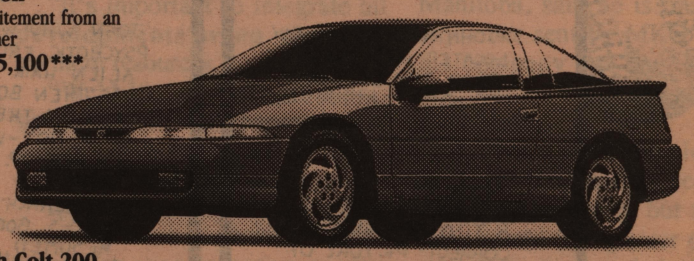
From $11,825***



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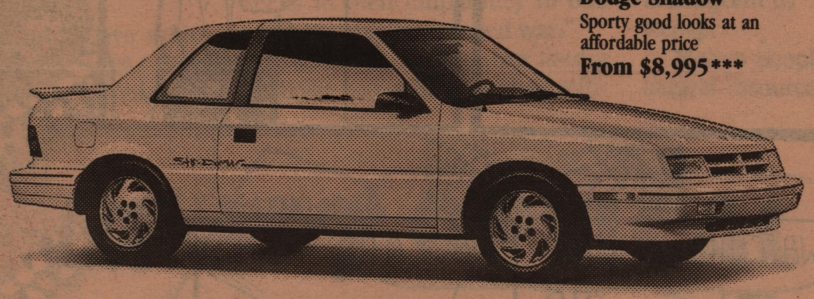
Driving excitement from an award-winner
From $15,100***



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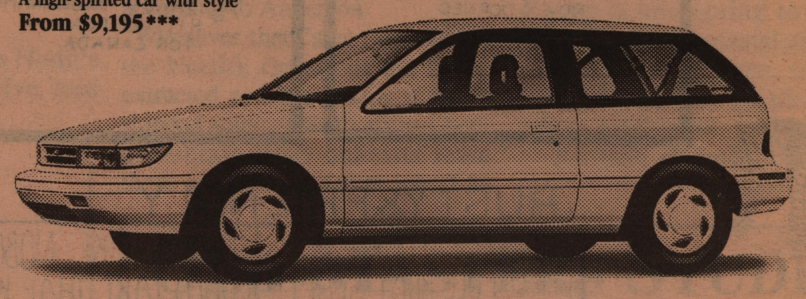
Sporty good looks at an affordable price
From $8,995***



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VIPIRG holds forum on Canada's future

By Laura Porcher

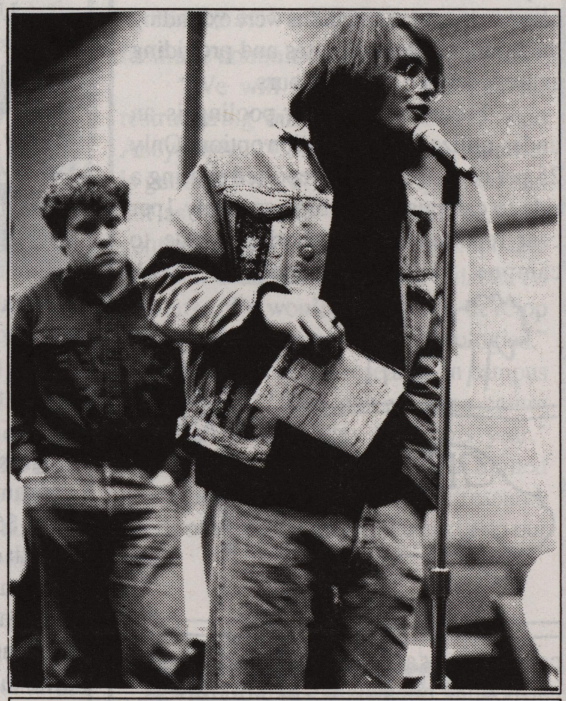
About 50 people attended a Citizens' Forum on Canada's future, sponsored by VIPIRG on March 4. Students on the panel were Chris Fair, Doug Cook, Kaaren Christ, Lula Johns and Oliver Ho. The forum was facilitated by VIPIRG Chair, Wendy Baker.

The forum was designed by VIPIRG to allow for as much audience participation possible, and this turned out to be the highlight of it. About 25 residents from the surrounding community attended, and all were eager to share their views and experiences.

Aboriginal title and relations was one of the main issues discussed. Lula Johns discussed not only historical background and current legislative barriers to native people, but also suggestions on how non-Natives can develop some insight into native issues. We were fortunate to have had the participation of a number of Native people in the audience who shared their perspectives as well. Non-Natives in the audience acknowledged the ignorance of both themselves and the majority of Canadians with respect to Native history and issues. There was a general feeling at the forum that the settlement of native title is of utmost priority, especially in light of the recent Gitksan court decision.

Most who spoke at the forum regarding Quebec expressed the idea that we appreciate our differences and would like to develop a new arrangement by which we can remain in one Canada. We would like such a new arrangement to not only tolerate but nurture all cultural differences.

The need for appropriate global perspectives and institutions, properly managed foreign aid, and environmental cooperation were also discussed.■



UVic students line-up to express their views at VIPIRG's citizen forum on Mar. 4.
(photo: Tracey Lowe courtesy of Martlet)

TRANSPORTATION

Survey results out soon

By Gavin MacPhail

Following months of work by committee members, the VIPIRG transportation survey is currently being analyzed. After being distributed in late January and early February, the arduous task of computer coding voluminous amounts of data from 683 completed surveys began.

Preliminary results from the survey show some surprising trends in the type of transportation students choose. A substantial majority, 67.5 per cent, use more than one mode of transportation to get to school. The convenience of the automobile is readily apparent. Fifty-seven per cent report that they own or have access to a car or motorcycle, and 54 per cent drive to school. In contrast, 63 per cent own or use a bicycle, yet only 18 per cent ride them to school more than two-thirds of the time. Major reasons for lower bike use appears to be distance, weather and safety concerns. Heavy traffic and narrow roads make bicycle commuting unappealing for many students. People bike to campus primarily

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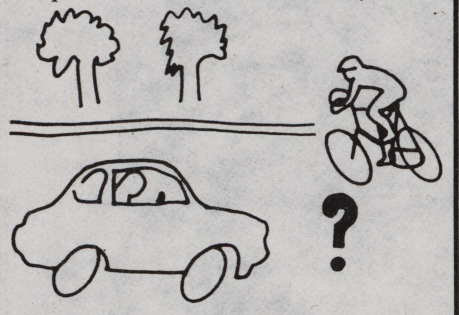
for health, economic and environmental reasons.

Slightly over half the respondents use the bus and approximately one-quarter buy bus passes. Though overall students were satisfied with the bus service to university, the need for better service from the Western Communities, Fairfield, James Bay and Vic West was noted. Other common recommendations were extending the hours of certain routes and providing express service at peak hours.

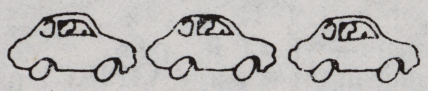
From the data, car-pooling is an under-utilized transportation option. Only 25 per cent of students reported sharing a ride to campus at any time and only 1per cent reported always sharing a ride to campus. Different schedules, work



commitments and errands make consistent car-pooling unpalatable to most drivers.

Many thanks to all who helped distribute and enter the surveys: Johanna Mantsinan (200 surveys entered!), Angus Forsyth, Neil Topham, Lynn Broughton, Jon Roberts, Aaron Beauchene, Andrew Gage, Carrie and Simon. Also thanks to Ed Woodard and Mark Szekely for their computer programming, and Richard in the Cornett Stats Lab for his tireless and patient assistance. And thanks to Peiman Abdi for volunteering his energy and expertise on the correlative analysis we requested.

Anyone with experience in statistical analysis is more than welcome to help us out! Contact the VIPIRG office at 721-8629 for more information. Happy commuting!■



HOUSING

VIPIRG lobbies municipalities for improved student housing

By Kelly Abeysinghe

Last spring and summer, the Capital Regional District carried out a study of housing issues in the area. The study, "Maintaining theAffordable Community," made over 30 recommendations to the municipalities, and the provincial and federal governments. VIPIRG and the UVSS are currently making recommendations to the municipalities regarding housing issues for students.

While many of the reccomendations the CRD study makes are valuable, the Housing Committee is concentrating on a few areas of concern.

AFFORDABILITY

Unfortunately, any discussion of student housing issues must be prefaced with a discussion of student poverty issues. The increase in education costs has been caused by many different changes in federal, provincial and institutional policy. For the most part, they have been caused by the unwillingness of governments at all levels to commit to quality, accessible education that is affordable. Further, basic increases in the cost of living, in all its aspects, have deepened the crisis students now face.

Based on the National Council of Welfare's estimated poverty line, which represents the minimum required to live in an urban area, students on student loans and earning minimum wage during the summer of 1989, lived $400 per month below the poverty line.

The maximum student loan allocation for single students at the University is $7140. Tuition consumes $1620; books and supplies consume at least $600. The remaining $4920, or $615 per month covers all other living expenses including rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, medical, dental, emergencies, and entertainment. Students with children live on $1061 per month after tuition and books.

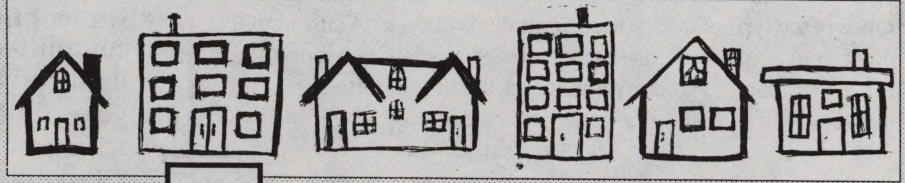
We encourage the municipalities and the CRD to communicate to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training that student financial assistance needs to accurately reflect the cost of living.

ACCESSIBILITY

As the CRD's report states, basement suites tend to be rented for lower rates.

We support a region-wide legalisation of basement suites, not only as a means of providing affordable housing but to keep affordable housing from being concentrated in particular areas. If municipalities legalise basement suites, and in particular, also apply restrictions that are financially prohibitive for lower-income homeowners who wish to build a basement suite, provincial low-interest or interest-free loans will be necessary for building costs.

Currently, government subsidized social housing and policy at the municipal level does not reflect the fact that more than 20 000 students live and study in the CRD with very little financial ability to find housing. There is no current policy to deal with the low income group of students.



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Perhaps this reflects an oversight, or maybe it is demonstrative of the discrimination students face as a constituency. The municipalities seem to want to avoid the development of a student community. This attitude is unique to Victoria: most university and college cities have a concentration of student housing developments around the campus.

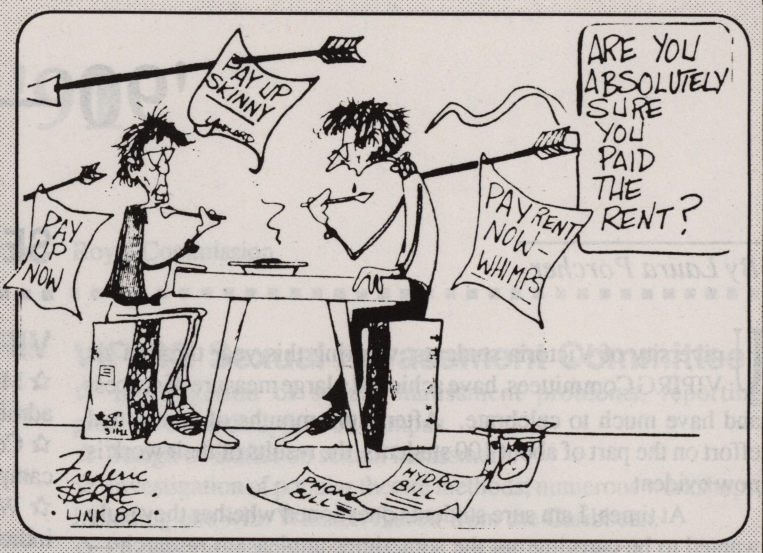
However, this does not eliminate the possibility of creating housing projects throughout the region for students. Further, it would be helpful if the municipalities would work with the university, college, and their respective students' societies to build housing co-operatives, or to convert apartment buildings for this purpose.

We encourage the municipalities to support the recommendation in the CRD report requiring mandatory inclusion of affordable rental or ownership units in all housing developments over a certain size. The municipalities and the CRD should encourage, by all means necessary, the integration of all citizens into every community. The municipalities and the CRD should encourage the development of housing which, in and of itself, is community and human oriented.

TENANT RIGHTS

Renters with little or no flexibility in their budgets are painfully aware that their rights fluctuate with the market. With many options available tenants are more able to exercise what rights they have: with the loss of options tenants are subject to the benevolence of the owner of their suite.

In a tight market, tenants living in poor conditions, being evicted or being harassed by their landowner do not have much recourse. They need the time and/or the $30 to take their case to arbitration. They also need to have proof of any problem: photocopies of letters they sent to their landowner regarding repairs, photographs of damage and so on. Many tenants do not wish to interface with their landowner in such a manner. They hope to keep the relationship comfortable so they are not evicted at some point in the future.



Further, tenants must know their rights in order to meet the various deadlines laid out in the arbitration process. Very little is done by the municipality or the province to inform persons about the legislation affecting them. In the current climate, with limited rights under the Residential Tenancy Act, the tenant is definitely in a powerless position.

The municipalities and Capital Region District should endorse the implementation of adequate, accessible and fair tenant/landowner rights. The municipalities should make grants available to a tenant's rights group. A tenants rights advocacy group will aid tenants in dealing with unscrupulous landowners, know their own responsibilities as renters, and aid the municipalities in understanding the needs of the rental community in the region. It recognises the fundamental role of advocacy in a participatory democracy.

The CRD and its member municipalities need to take the necessary steps to aid persons who cannot create a market themselves and are reliant upon a market that expands to include them. This includes creative use of land, development of long term plans for housing in the area, and the education of the public on housing issues. ■

RECYCLING

Three members on VP's committee

By Laura Porcher

First, VIPIRG would like to congratulate Recycling Committee Coordinator, **Dayna Christ**, on her recent election to the UVic Students Society. Only two days after her election, UVSS appointed her to the Vice-President's new Recycling Committee. VIPIRG Board Liaison for Recycling, **Barb Kavanagh**, will officially represent the Graduate Students' Society; and **Mike Rowling** will represent VIPIRG. While it may seem like VIPIRG infiltration (!), it is clear that these individuals have demonstrated their commitment to recycling throughout this year.

Needless to say, VIPIRG is very pleased that Trevor Matthews, Vice-President of Administration, has formed a new Recycling Committee to address waste reduction strategies!

We recently were pleased to host Trish Glanfield from Simon Fraser University, and to learn all about how our sister organization, BCPIRG at SFU, is involved in campus recycling. Trish has an infectious zeal for recycling, which rubbed off on all of us. As she left, we were more committed than ever to assisting our administration to institute new recycling procedures.

We found that UVic has some advantages over SFU, in that our administration is responsible for campus waste; we have not contracted out this responsibility, so have total control over — and responsibility for — improvements.

Many thanks to Trish for taking the time to give us tips on funding procedures, and what not to do in establishing recycling procedures. And thanks also to **Kaaren Christ** for providing such a superb luncheon for our guest and our committee! ■

WATCH FOR NOTEPAPER RECYCLING BINS ON CAMPUS THROUGHOUT EXAM PERIOD

'90 — A Year of Succ

By Laura Porcher

University of Victoria students, working this year through six VIPIRG Committees, have achieved a large measure of success and have much to celebrate. After eight months of committed effort on the part of about 100 students, the results of their work is now evident.

At times, I am sure students questioned whether they truly wanted to be carrying out the sometimes unpleasant research — sorting dumpster after dumpster of garbage for the Recycling Committee waste-stream analysis, trying to learn new statistical analysis programs by staring down computers in the stats. lab for the reproductive technology and transportation survey results, embarrassing oneself in front of 30 other people at a VIPIRG popular theatre workshop to learn skills for sexual harassment theatre, researching student housing problems and mustering the courage to stand up at city council meetings to voice student housing concerns!

But the results of these committee efforts have been outstanding. This edition of *VIPIRG VIBES* includes short articles from each committee, but a summary of our year's highlights are as follows:

SEP.'90 - APR.'91 VIPIRG HIGHLIGHTS

VIPIRG Recycling Committee

☆ Meetings with the Vice-President of Administration to support administration efforts in campus recycling.

☆ Co-ordination of an information meeting in October '90 of all campus administrators involved with campus waste.

☆ Waste-stream analysis: Pilot project in Nov. '90 to get initial indication of proportion of recyclable materials in garbage from a variety of campus buildings.

☆ Individual meetings with all areas of administration to determine what recycling efforts are already underway, what they each need in order to initiate further programs, and how VIPIRG can assist in these efforts.

☆ Weekly notepaper recycling table in the University Centre, offering recycling information to students and staff.

Light Rail Transit for Victoria?

By Aaron Beauchene

Last month, the VIPIRG Transportation Committee sponsered an on campus presentation by the Greater Victoria Electric Railway Society (GVERS). The GVERS is a non-profit group supporting rail travel for Victoria and Vancouver Island. The presentation discussed current lobbying efforts for a light rail transit (LRT) system for Greater Victoria.

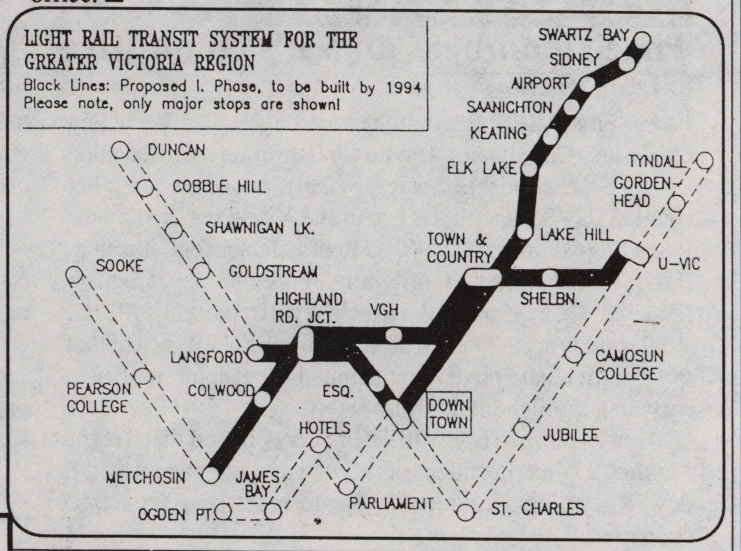
"Victoria has two heavy traffic corridors, downtown to the western communities and downtown to Swartz Bay. Existing E&N and CNR rail right-of-ways along these corridors, in part, make Victoria ideally suited for LRT," said Bill MacDonald, GVERS president.

Unlike Vancouver's SkyTrain which uses an electrified "third rail", LRT uses a less expensive overhead powerline allowing cars and pedestrians to cross safely. LRT is known to attract more riders than other mass transit systems because of its smooth, quiet ride and clean, safe image. For instance, the implementation of LRT systems in Calgary and Portland has been phenomenally successful.

The GVERS promotes LRT as an economical, environmentally friendly transportation alternative to simply building more highways.

VIPIRG opposes highway expansions and supports the investigation of alternatives such as LRT.

New members and volunteer support are always welcomed by the GVERS. For more information, contact Bill MacDonald at 478-2639. For general information on LRT, drop by the VIPIRG office. ■



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☆ Lug-a-Mug day March 22, where cafeterias agreed to offer no disposable cups.
☆ Notepaper recycling bins throughout exam period.
☆ Representation of UVic in B.C. association of recycling institutions.
☆ Visit by SFU Recycling Coordinator, Trish Glanfield, to UVic to meet with various administrators and VIPIRG.
☆ Investigation of federal and provincial funding sources for new initiatives in campus recycling.
☆ Co-operation of Tom Rimmer, Centre for Sustainable Regional Development, with VIPIRG to develop funding applications on behalf of VIPIRG and UVic Administration.
☆ Emergence in March '91 of new Administration Recycling Committee!

VIPIRG Transportation Committee

☆ Establishment of carpool program; sign up on VIPIRG office door!
☆ Survey of students to determine how to encourage more use of feet, bikes, and busses — and less use of cars!
☆ Survey results are coming off the printers now and will be used in next year's lobbying efforts.
☆ Public presentation by Greater Victoria Electric Railway Society.

☆ Initial discussions with B.C. Transit regarding improving bus service.
☆ Discussions with Saanich Municipality regarding their new Cycling Committee.
☆ Networking with Greater Victoria Cylcing Coalition and other cycling groups.
☆ Suggested Pat Bay highway design to accommodate cyclists.
☆ Planning next year's lobbying campaign.

VIPIRG Reproductive Technologies Committee

☆ Investigation of federal Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies.
☆ Education of committee members about new reproductive technologies.
☆ Design of survey to investigate student opinion on ethics and legislation of various technologies.
☆ Compilation of (vast quantities of) results!
☆ Submission of VIPIRG Brief on Reproductive Technologies to Royal Commission.

VIPIRG Sexual Harassment Committee

☆ Investigation of sexual harassment problems, reporting procedures, and support on campus.
☆ Design of leaflet on sexual harassment.
☆ Investigation of popular theatre methods; numerous workshops, including one with Winston Farrell from the Caribbean.
☆ Production of popular theatre on sexual harassment.
☆ Performance indoors and outdoors throughout International Women's Week.
☆ Development of a video and report so that methods used could be repeated by other interested groups.

VIPIRG Housing Committee

☆ Presentation of initial brief to Capital Regional District housing study consultants.
☆ UVic student forum on housing
☆ Organization of workshop with street youth regarding housing needs of students and street youth.
☆ Development of extensive recommendations for presentation to CRD and member municipalities.
☆ Attendance at Tenants' Coalition meeting in Vancouver.

Community Research Needs

☆ Initial investigation of faculty support for linking community needs with student research projects.
☆ Initial survey of research needs of women's organizations.
☆ This project was found to be an excellent idea but highly complex; it was postponed until VIPIRG has an opportunity to design a workable communication system for this linking process.

Other VIPIRG Activities

☆ Two skills training workshops.
☆ Popular theatre workshop with Winston Farrell.
☆ Slide show by Claire Heffernan on green campus initiatives.
☆ Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future: UVic student and community perspectives.
☆ Public statement on misleading military recruitment advertising.
☆ Board and work study retreat for planning.
☆ Funding of student research outside of VIPIRG Committees:
- Green campus initiatives at Davis California
- Campaign to return porcelain dishes to UVic cafeterias
- Publication of directory of UVic courses on international development issues (WUSC)

Committee performs popular theatre

By Liz Nash

Not only was the creation and production of the VIPIRG sexual harassment theatre fufilling, but the comments and responses which followed our performances made our efforts truly worthwhile. Positive feedback from both students and faculty were abundant. We feel that we have helped increase awareness of sexual harassment on campus for both others and ourselves.

We've also heard from several women who have taken action against sexual harrassment. The committee has produced a pamphlet on sexual harrassment—what it is and what services are available—which anyone can pick up at the VIPIRG office.

"Although this endeavor took months of hard work, the outcome was rewarding," said committee co-ordinator Stacey Chapel.

Committee member Florence Ballard said, "The experience was invaluable to me. It has sparked other similar projects on social issues and inspired those around me take action on this issue."

As many of our members will be at UVic next year, we hope to carry on working together on similar projects and will be looking for new students interested in joining the committee.■

VIPIRG popular theatre group: Stacey Chappel, Shirley Lee, Wendy Baker, Florence Ballard, John Roberts, and Liz Nash.

Sexual Harrassment on campus

(excert from VIPIRG sexual harassment pamphlet)

Sexual harrassment is unwelcome sexual advances of any kind, whether verbal, written, or physical. Harrassing behaviour also includes conduct which has the effect of creating an intimidating hostile or offensive environment.

Sexual harassment is not the fault of the victim, nor is it a response to an individual's sexuality. It is an abuse of power or evidence of a need to intimidate and have power over others. It is demeaning and attacks the dignity and self-respect of the victim.

Sometimes a person's success, either on the job or at school, may be conditional on the person's acceptance of harassing behaviour. Sometimes the harassment creates an unpleasant and hostile environment, although the harasser is not in a position to directly affect the success of the harassed person. No matter what form the harassment takes, it is wrong and no person should have to tolerate it.

Sexual harassment ranges from the very subtle to the very obvious.

For example, it includes:
- unwanted and inappropriate sexual jokes;
- sexually explicit body language;
- embarrassing or suggestive comments;
- unwelcome personal questions about one's sex life;
- displaying of pornographic material;
- unwanted touching or fondling;
- sexual assault.

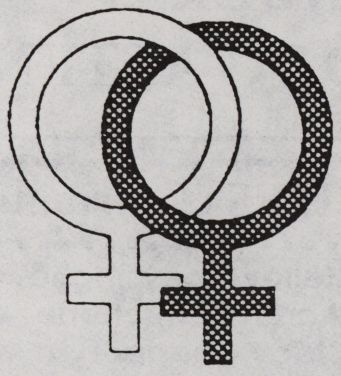
Sexual harassment on Canadian campuses is a problem many people don't see or don't believe exists. Incidence rates vary with the definitions of sexual harassment used by the researchers. Sexual harassment, recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada as a form of gender oppression, is an experience shared by the vast majority of women in our society. Almost 100 per cent of female students will encounter gender oppression during their studies. The reporting rates of sexual harassment, at zero to three per cent, do not even begin to reflect the extent of the problem...

Committee presents brief to commission

By Stacey Chappel

The VIPIRG Reproductive Technologies Committee was made up of Renée Prasad, Barb Kavanagh, and Stacey Chappel. We recently completed a brief for the federal Royal Commission on new reproductive technologies. The brief reports campus opinion on the following: in vitro fertilization, sex selection, contract motherhood, ultrasound, fetal heart monitoring, and amniocentesis. Information was gathered through a survey of UVic students, faculty, and staff in November 1990.

"A lot of students felt they should have more information available to them on these issues," Prassad said. "Even if they had heard of the techniques, they didn't know that certain ones were being practised in Canada. For example, there was a common misconception that sex selection was available in countries like India and China, but not Canada."



When asked what she enjoyed most about working on the brief, Prassad slaughed, "Typing out all those comments!"

People wishing to read the brief can get a copy at the VIPIRG office. ■

Summer at VIPIRG

The end of the "school year" at UVic does not mean VIPIRG ceases its activities. Summer is the time in which VIPIRG develops its projects for implementation in September, usually at a Board of Directors/Staff retreat.

"If all goes as planned we will hire a number of staff to prepare for next year's activities. VIPIRG is applying for four Challenge Job grants," said VIPIRG co-ordinator Laura Porcher.

The federal government's job creation Challenge program subsidizes the summer salary of returning post-secondary students to increase student employment, particularly employment which develops the skills of the student. The federal government provides $5.00 per hour per job, which VIPIRG will 'top up' to $7.15 per hour.

"We encourage students on campus to drop by the office in April to see if our grants have been approved," continues Porcher. "The jobs will be exciting and will provide solid training for students."

"Planning is the key to our success during the school year," said Kelley Abeysinghe, Resource Coordinator at VIPIRG. "Volunteers and staff will be preparing a recruitment drive for the fall semester, planning training and skills development seminars for VIPIRG volunteers, drafting the budget, and laying out the calendar of events for the year," Abeysinghe concludes.

Research will also be carried out by student staff members to help the committees operate efficiently in the fall. This research will include investigating the municipal decision-making process in the Capital Region District to aid VIPIRG volunteers in their education and advocacy efforts. Preliminary research on topics chosen by active VIPIRG members will facilitate committee progress in the fall.

"We will also spend the summer restructuring our resource centre," said Abeysinghe. "Unfortunately, our material is generally out of date, unorganised and not as 'alternative' as it could be," she continued. "We don't want to duplicate research materials already available on campus. We would also like to develop information on research methodologies."

"Students doing research on campus next year will find our resource centre more useful than they have this year," adds Porcher. "Of course, with our limited space, it is difficult to meet the research needs of every student, but we will do our best."

"We have a lot of work to do this summer," concludes Abeysinghe. "Any student wanting to get involved as a volunteer or staff person is welcome to drop by. The membership is also encouraged to bring ideas in for next year's activities. ■

Green Tip:

Drive 10per cent slower and use 19 per cent less fuel.

Some people believe that driving from point A to point B requires the same amount of fuel regardless of speed. Many people believe that driving twice as fast requires twice as much fuel per trip(i.e. from point A to point B). Neither of these assertions are true.

Driving twice as fast requires four times as much fuel per trip. For reasonably high speeds(> 25km/h) wind resistance is the dominant factor effecting energy consumption. Wind resistence is proportional to the square of the velocity of the object (two times as fast means two squared or four times as much fuel). The same is true for driving 10 per cent slower (.09 times as fast)and using 19 per cent les fuel (.09 squared or .81 times as much fuel). ■

VIPIRG Annual General Meeting
April 10, 12:30 p.m.

Every year, VIPIRG holds a general meeting of the membership. The Board of Directors presents its report of the year's activities, the treasurer presents the financial statements and the audit, and the auditor is appointed for the year.

This year, the VIPIRG Board is submitting amendments to the VIPIRG Constitution and Bylaws to the General Meeting. For the most part, the amendments are basic housekeeping measures: eliminating redundancies between the Societies Act and the constitution, consolidating different Bylaws, and making it internally consistant in terms of wording, definitions and numbering.

The General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1991 in the Cinecenta. All members are encouraged to attend.

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IN CINECENTA

Special Green Campus Iniatives Slide Show

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Proposed Constitutional Changes

The recommended revisions are primarily to consolidate various related by-laws and to improve the coherance of the Constitution and Bylaws both internally and with the UVSS/VIPIRG contract, the B.C. Society Act, the B.C. Company Act and other VIPIRG governing documents.

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS:

1) The notice requirement of upcoming general meetings has been increased from 14 days to 28 days to allow members wanting to submit additional agenda items to comply with the requirement that such additional items be presented to the Board 21 days prior to the general meeting.
2) The Officer position of Liason Officer has been removed.
3) The description of contents and timetable of the Twelve Month Plan have been removed from the Bylaws and placed in VIPIRG Policy Guidelines.
4) The specific terms of employment of VIPIRG staff have been removed from the Bylaws and will be outlined during each hiring process in the form of Job Descriptions and Employment Contracts.
5) The Bylaw dealing with indemification of Directors has been repealed.
6) The Rules of Order used by the Society will now be determined each year.

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